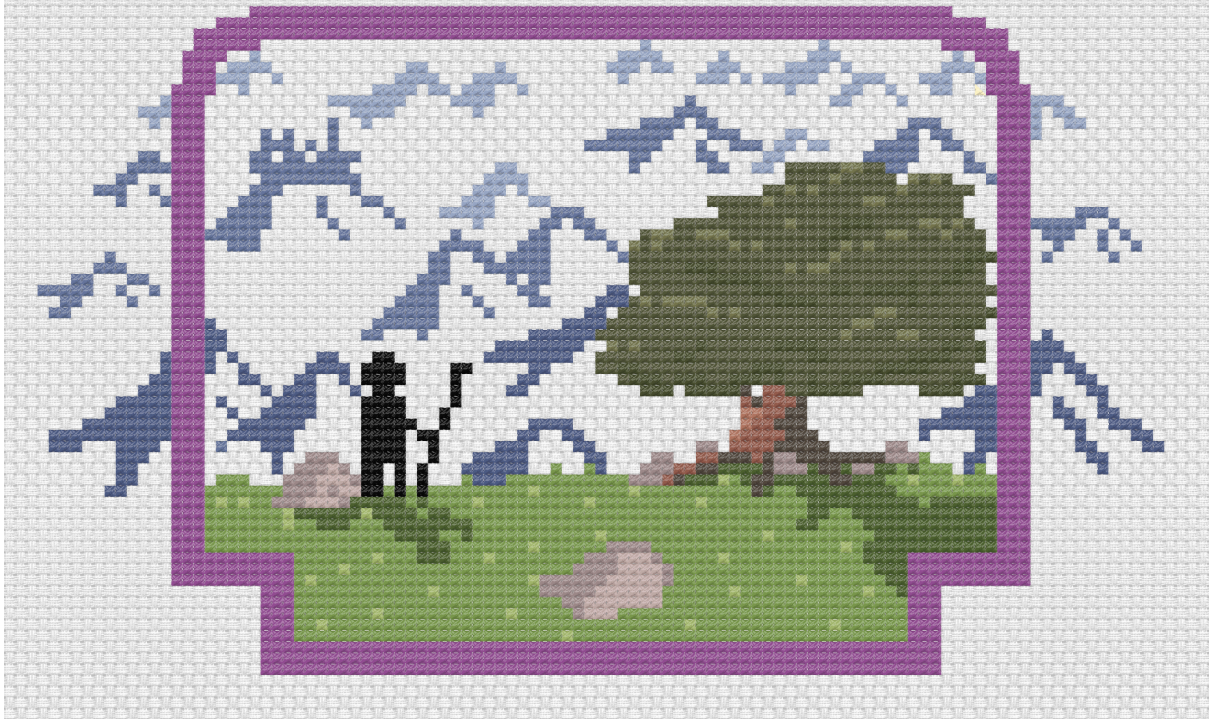


STITCH YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

WANDERING IN MIDDLE-EARTH



Chapter Five

Dark Forces



Chapter Map

Dear Bilbo,

After all my dealings with the family I finally got to venture back out into the wilds. I immediately wanted to get as far away from Those Hobbits as fast as my legs would carry me. I headed eastwards, further than I have ever travelled before. Beyond the borders of Gondor.

For the first time in my life, I fear that I have travelled too far.

There are forces at play out here that are far greater than I ever would have imagined. Picture, my dear Bilbo, what comes to your mind when I say something is pure evil?

¹ What do you picture?

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I am sure that, given your history with the Lonely Mountain, that the cold cunning of the Dragon Smaug comes to your mind.

Well, I am sure that I saw something, a creature of similar shape, but not the same as a Dragon.

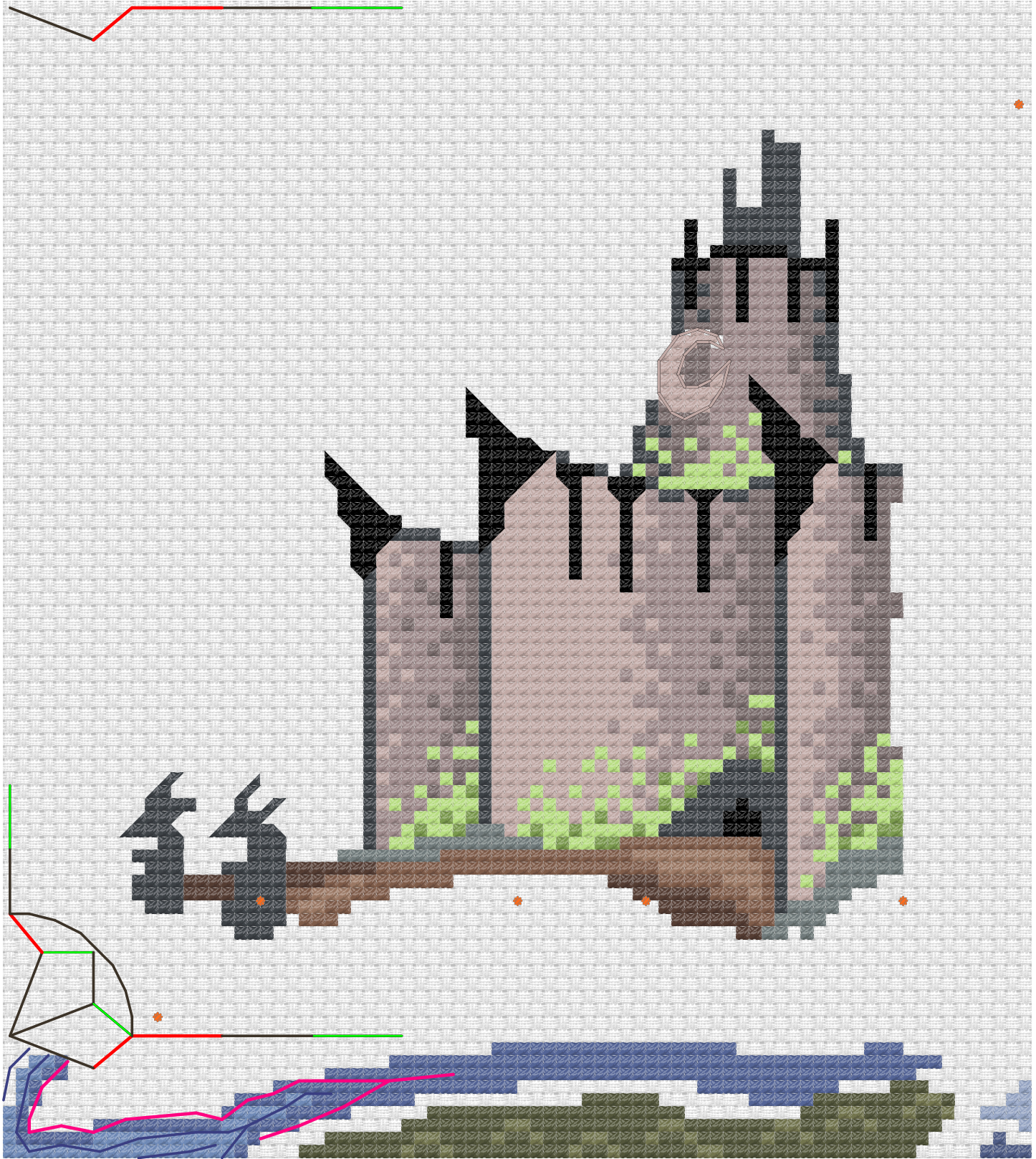
I had been travelling out past Minas Tirith, and I found its old sister city that used to be Minas Ithel many moons ago. These days it is known as Minas Morgul, and it lives up to that name. Just being near it I could feel the evil magic of the place in the air.

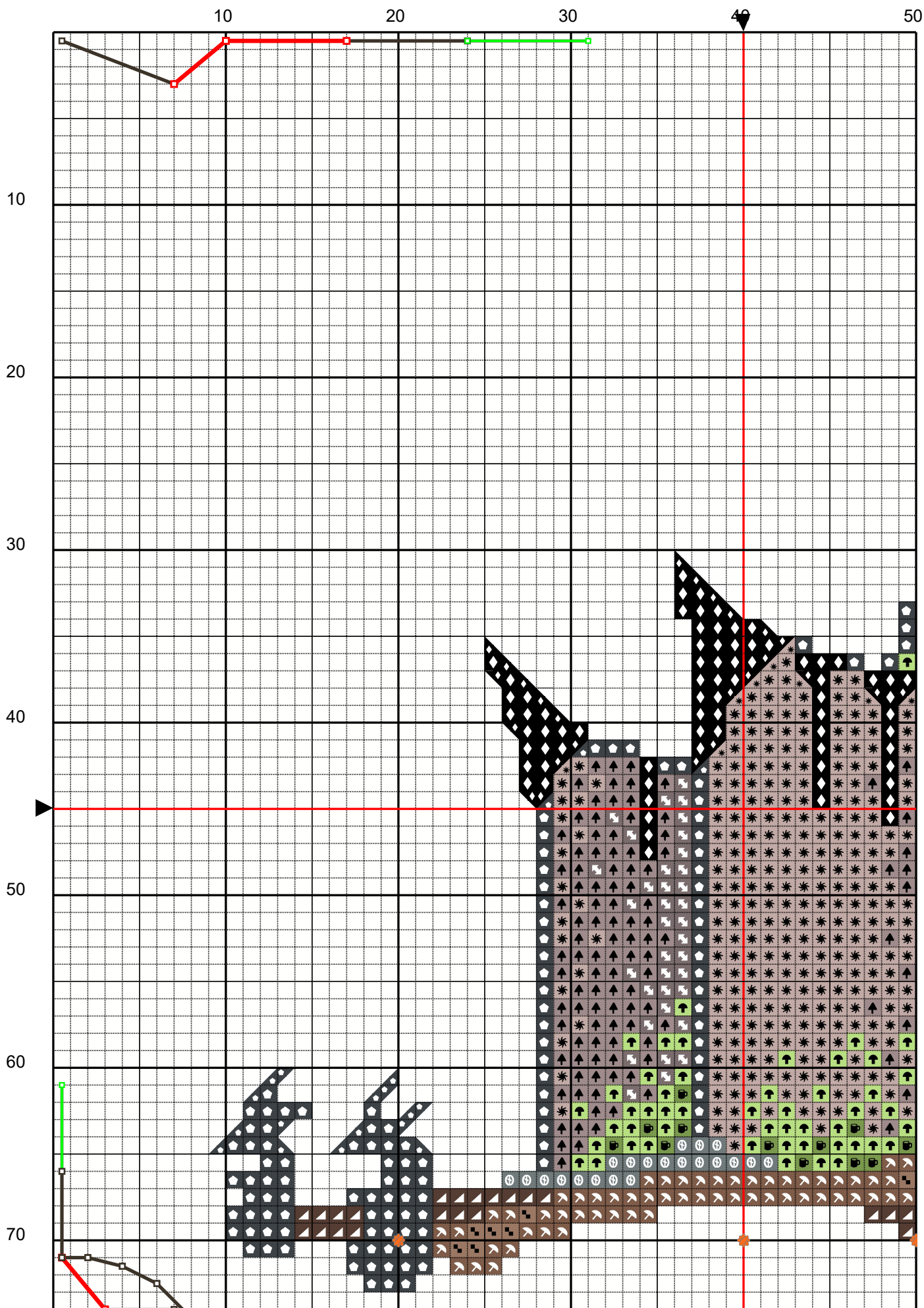
The final thing that made me fear for my life, that made me flee, was seeing that giant dragon like creature. And you wouldn't believe me if I told you that it had someone, something, riding on its back.

Bilbo, heed my warning, never travel out that way. Stay far away from Minas Morgul, and the whole of Mordor.

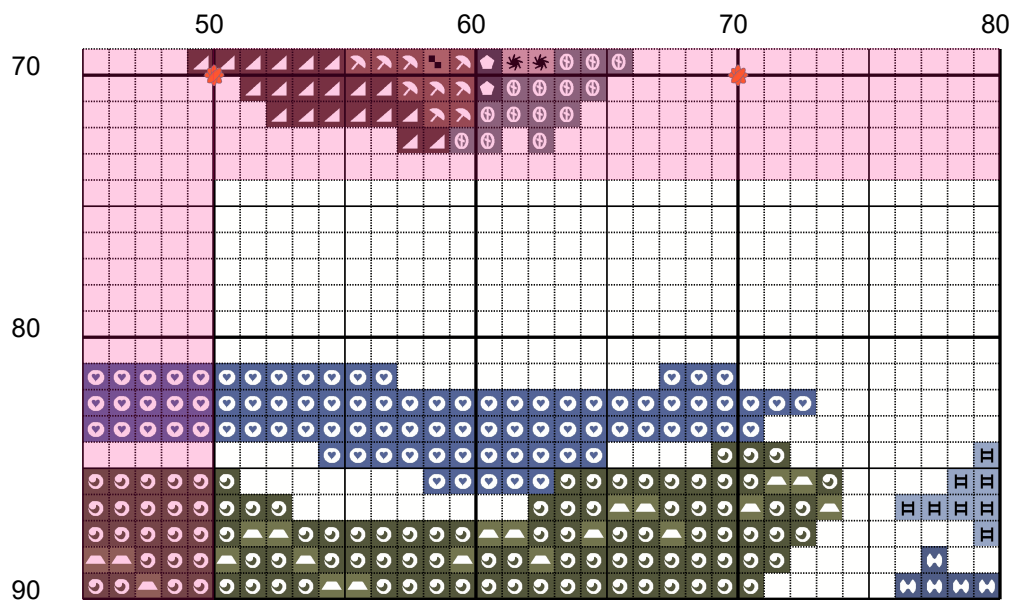
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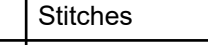
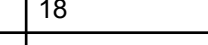
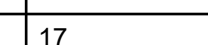
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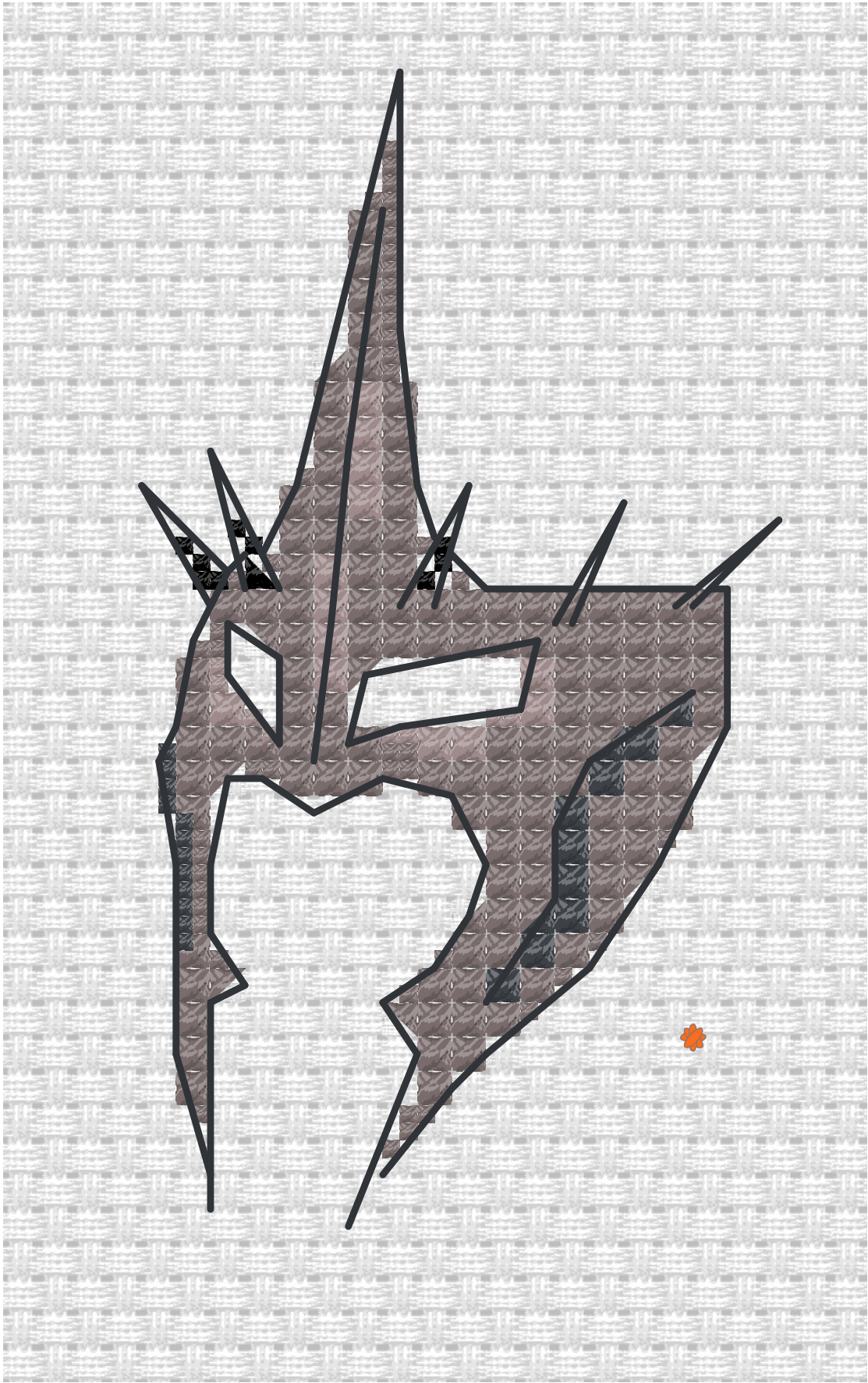


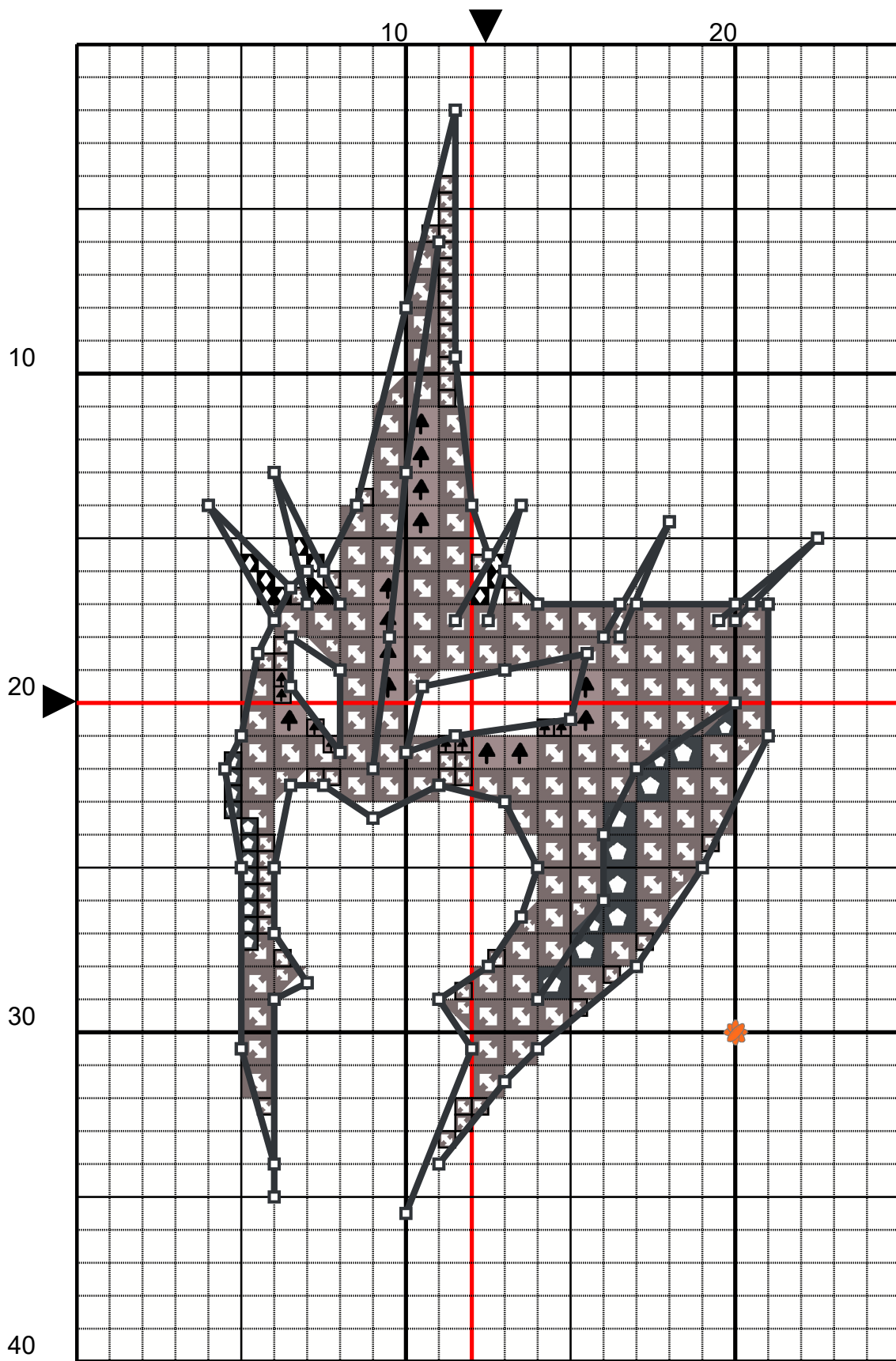






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No.	B/S - Color			Stitches
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Given our last couple of letters, I would imagine that nothing would appear more evil to you than the Sackville-Bagginses. Even though the thought of it does bring a small smile to my face. To picture you squaring off against them over the silverware.

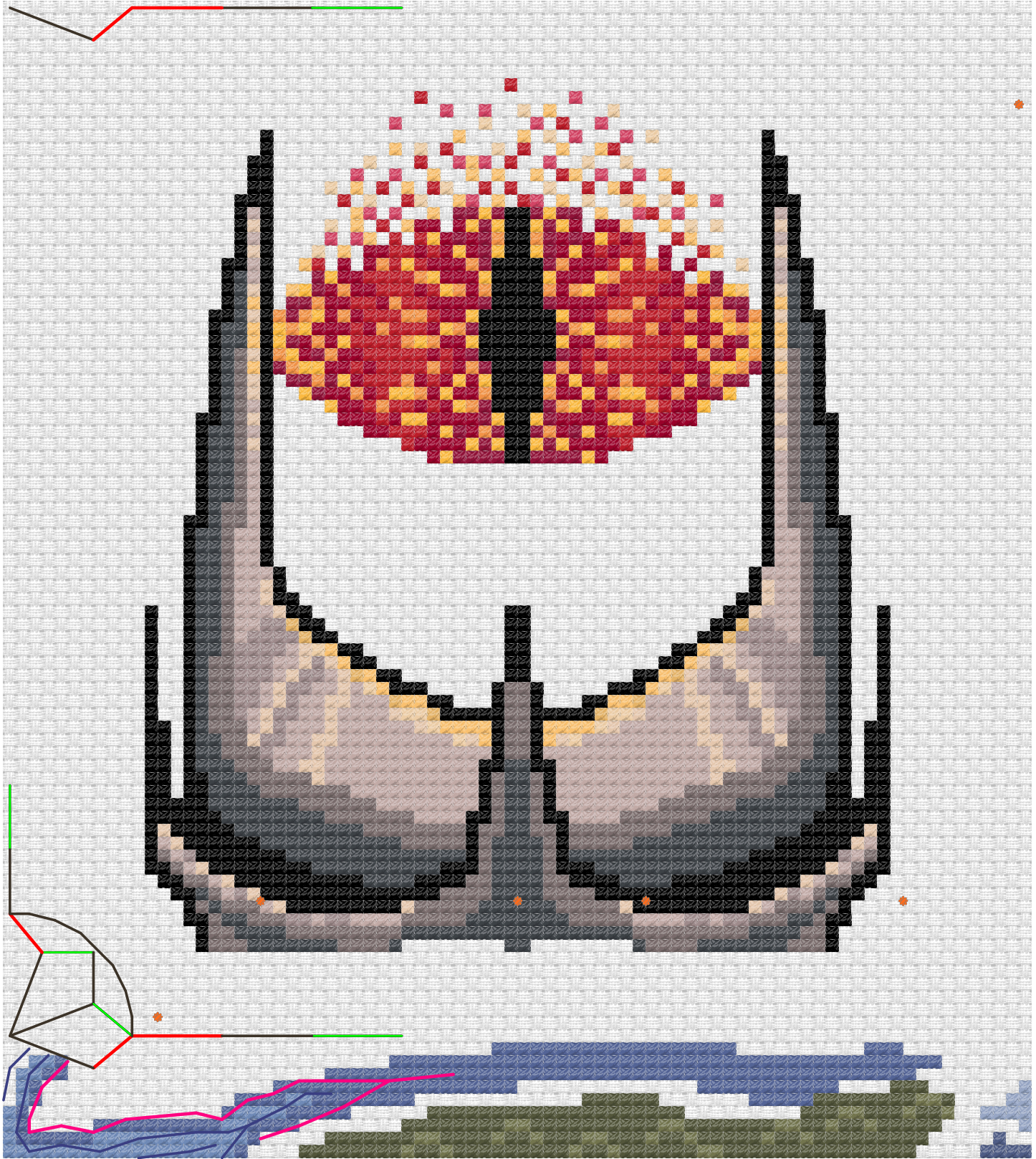
You know that feeling with the Sackville-Bagginses, that feeling that they will always be watching you, looking for the first sign of weakness that they can exploit? Well, I think I have seen first hand one more powerful, more piercing, ever watching eye.

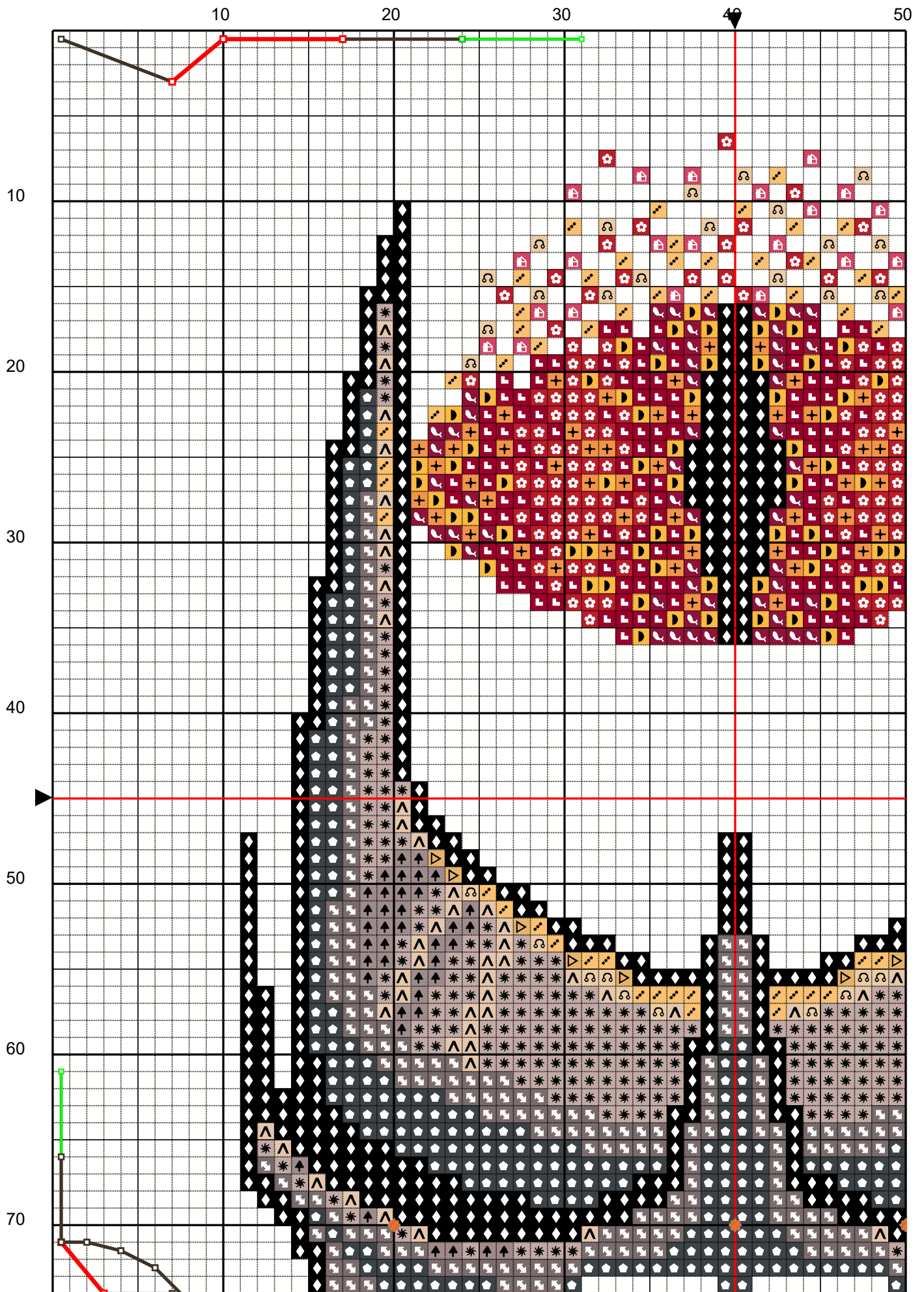
It sounds all together unreal when I try to describe it. A giant eye above a huge tower. It's vision, engulfed in flame, it was searching, looking out for something. Upon feeling its gaze, I was struck with fear like I have never felt before. I had to hide immediately until it looked elsewhere, and then I had to run from those mountains.

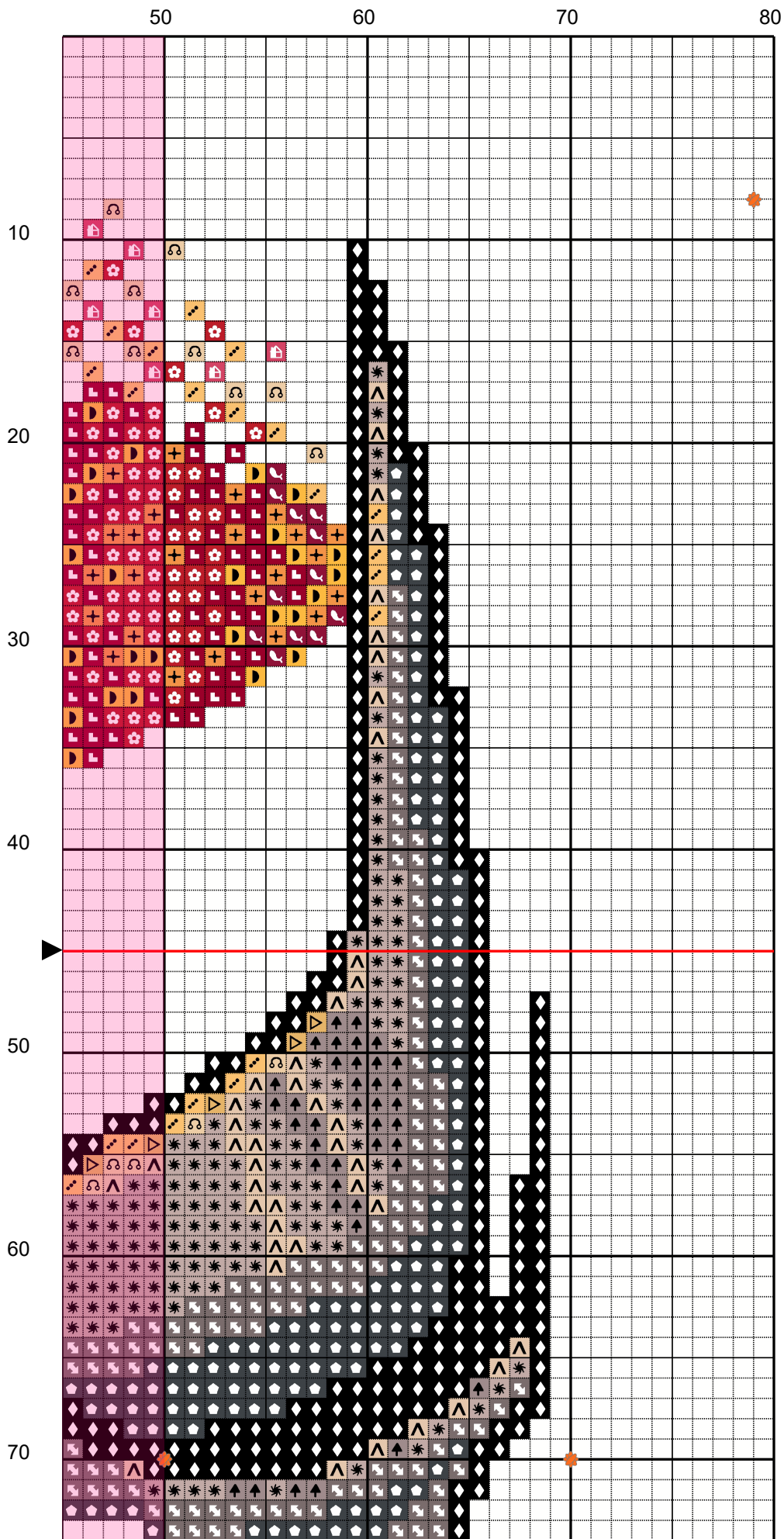
This happened in the mountains surrounding what I later found out to be Mordor. A dark and cursed place Bilbo. Promise me that you will stay away from there.

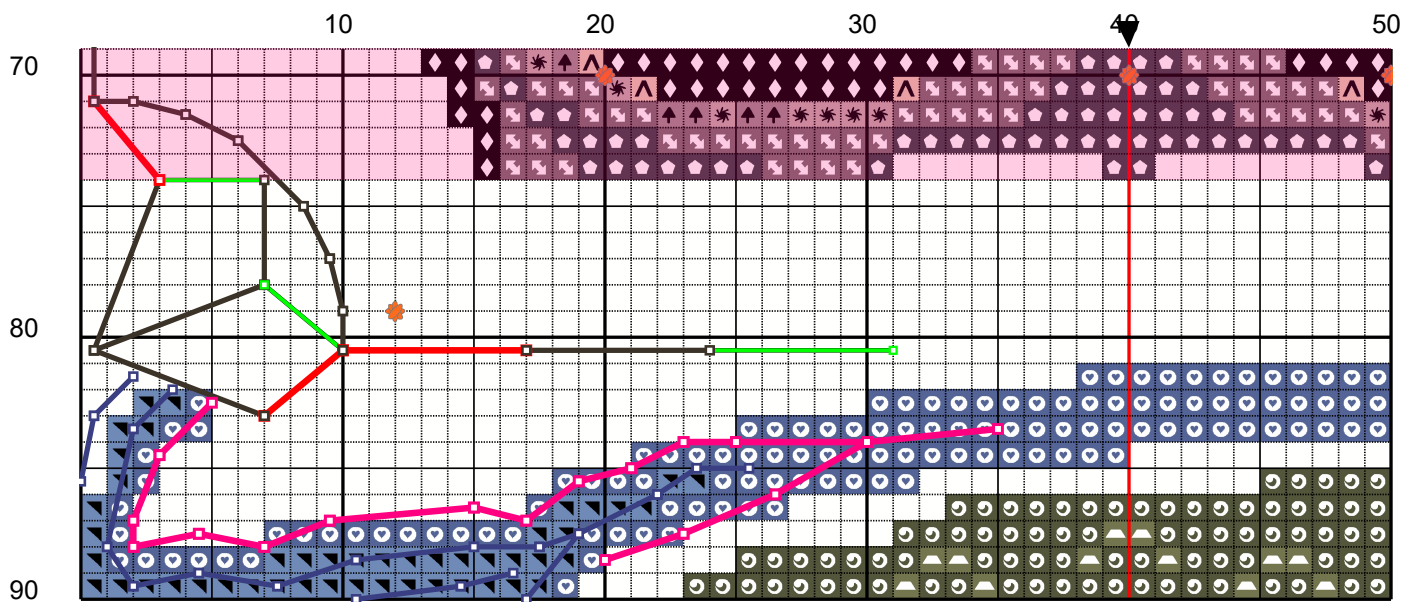
Keep travelling, but make sure that you stay safe.

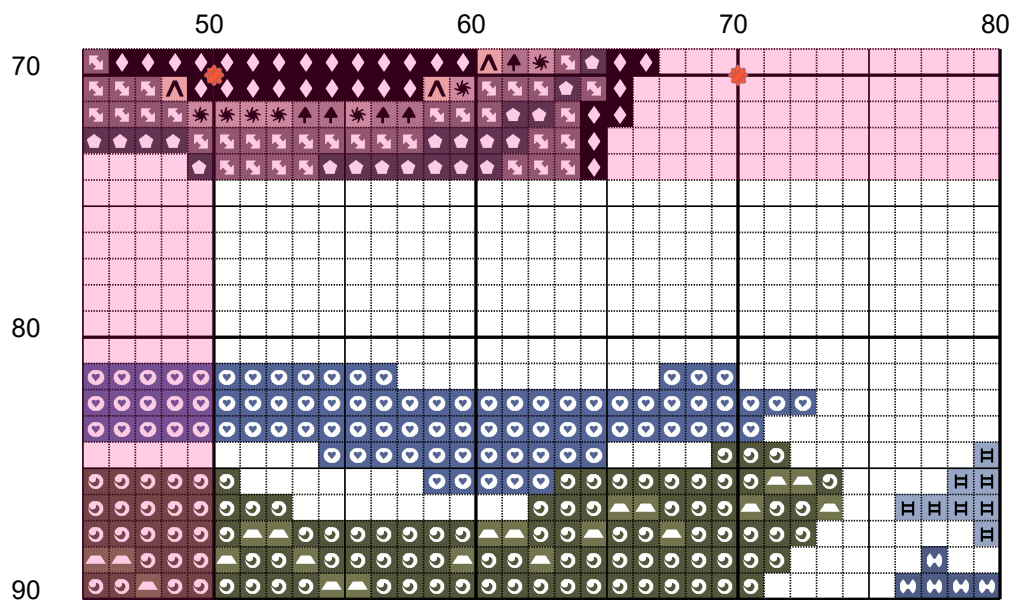
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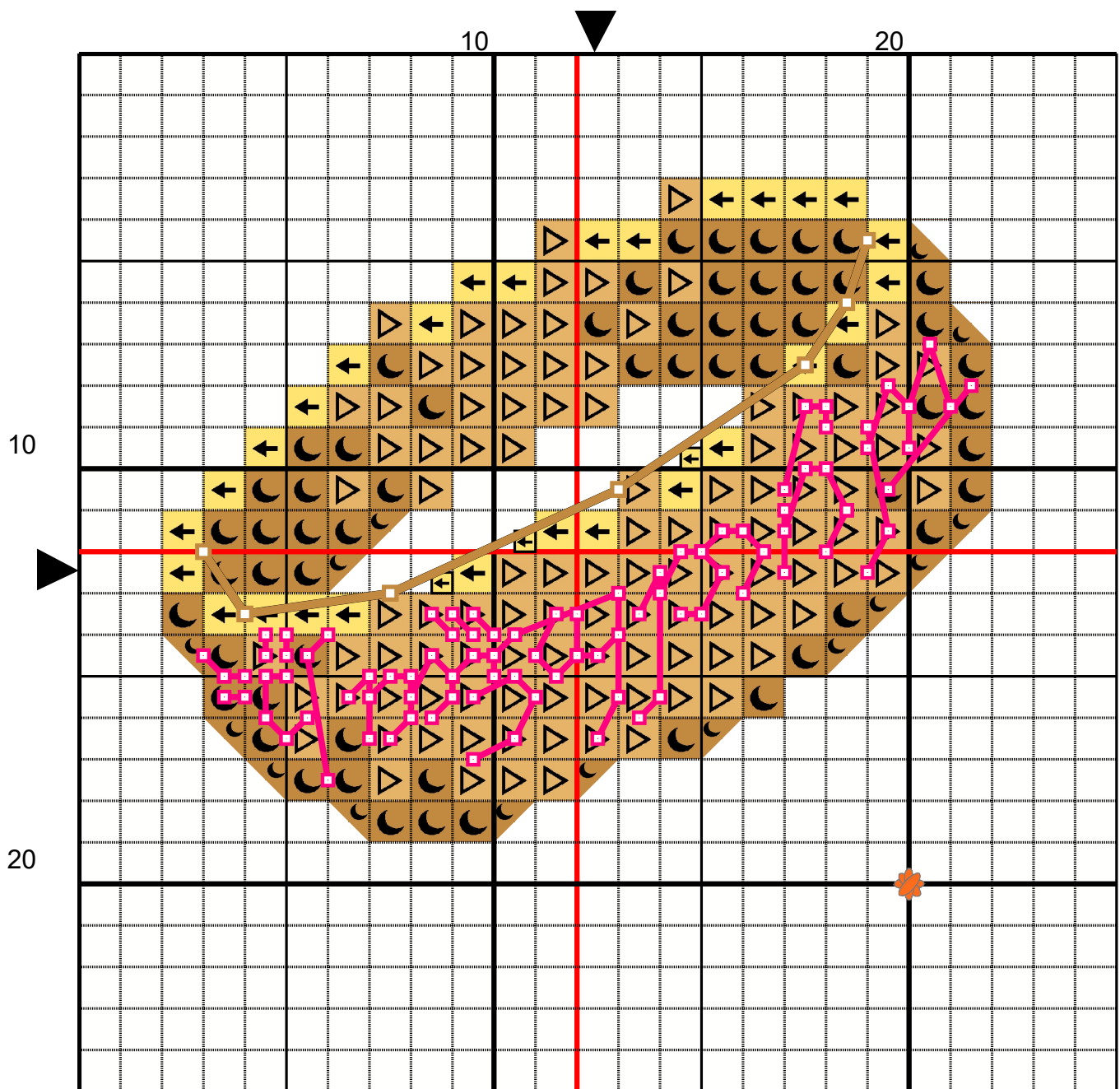






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	DMC 335	Rose	24	
	DMC 349	Coral dark	138	
	DMC 413	Pewter Grey dark	362	
	DMC 451	Shell Grey dark	294	
	DMC 452	Shell Grey medium	78	
	DMC 453	Shell Grey LT	298	
	DMC 543	Beige Brown ultra	86	
	DMC 676	Old Gold light	10	
	DMC 725	Topaz	80	
	DMC 739	Tan ultra very light	35	
	DMC 792	Cornflower Blue dark	b/s only	
	DMC 792	(3) Cornflower Blue dark	b/s only	
	DMC 793	Cornflower Blue medium	193	
	DMC 794	Cornflower Blue light	47	
	DMC 3052	Green Grey Med	159	
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DMC 3787 (2 str)	Brown Grey		15	
				
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No.	B/S - Color			Stitches
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DMC 729 (2 str)	Old Gold medium			6
				

Now, I know that you have told me about your sword, Sting, that would glow in the presence of the nasty, evil Orcs. So I wouldn't be surprised for you to say that those beasts would come to mind when you think of something evil.

Honestly, you would be right, I came across some of them in the mountains to the East of Gondor²

² Did you approach the mountains from:

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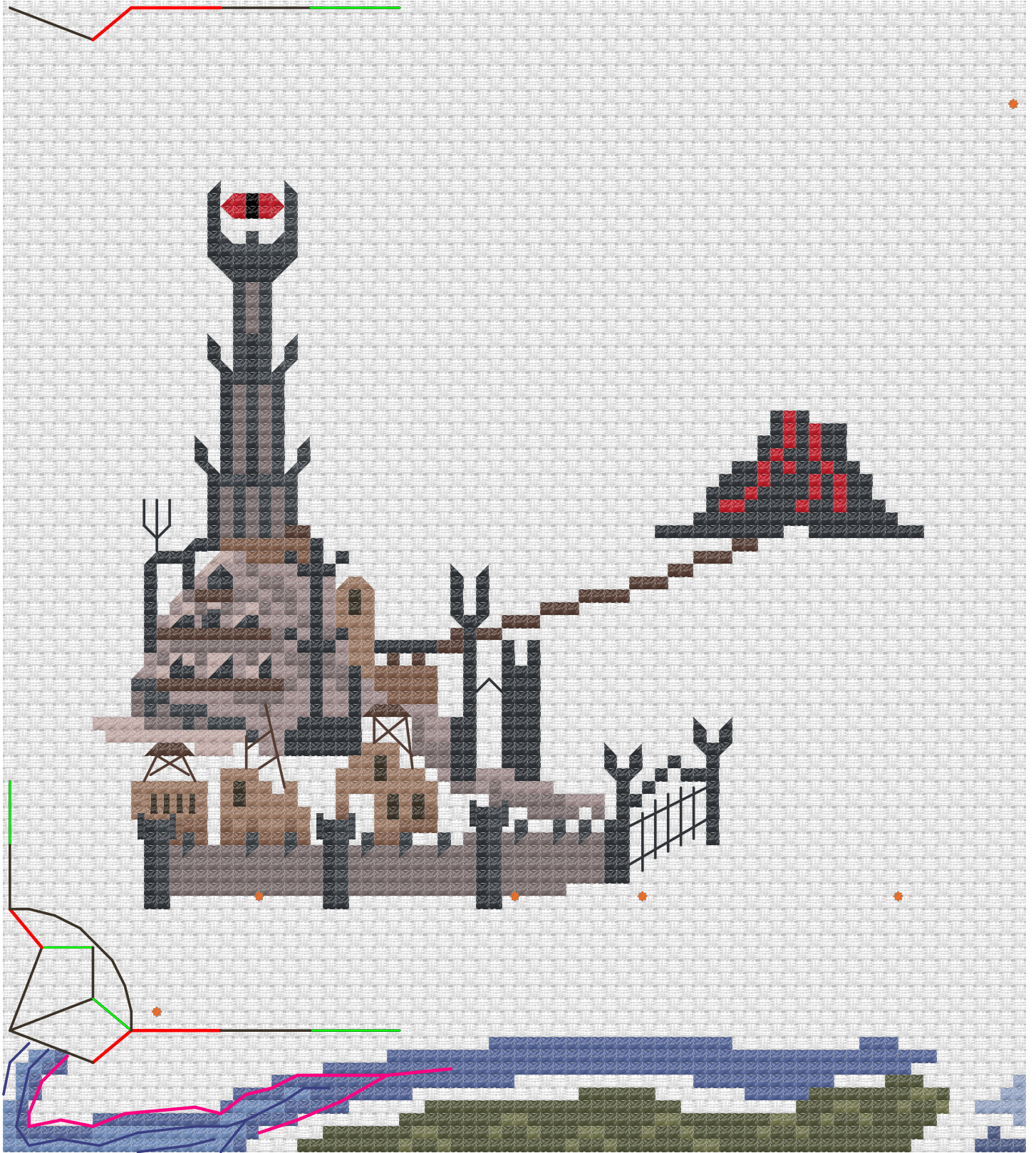
I was in the northern reaches of those mountains. You know that I love the mountains, my family swears that I must have some Dwarf in me, or that I spend all too much time with the dwarves. Anyway, I digress from the issue at hand, and the reason why I write to you.

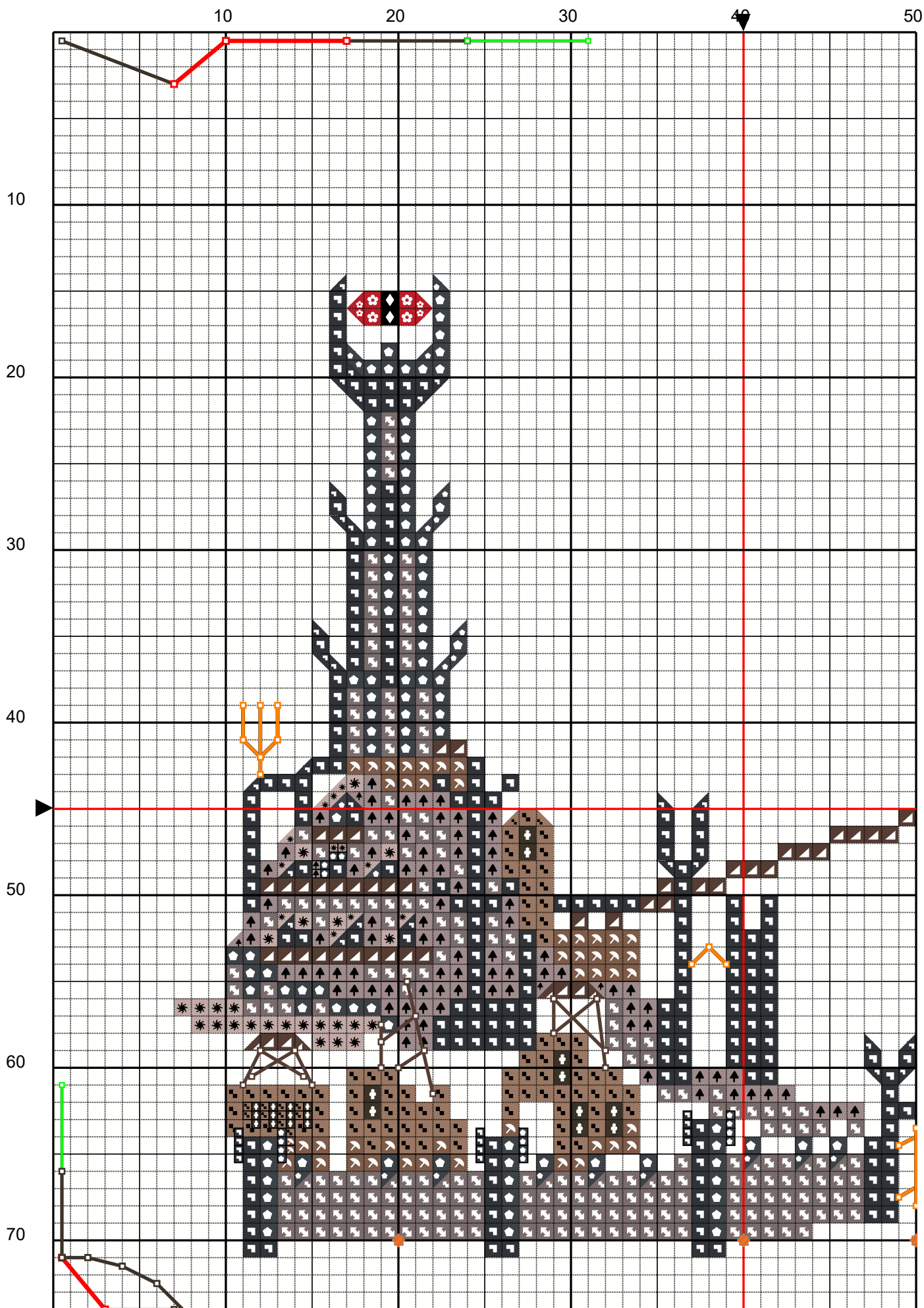
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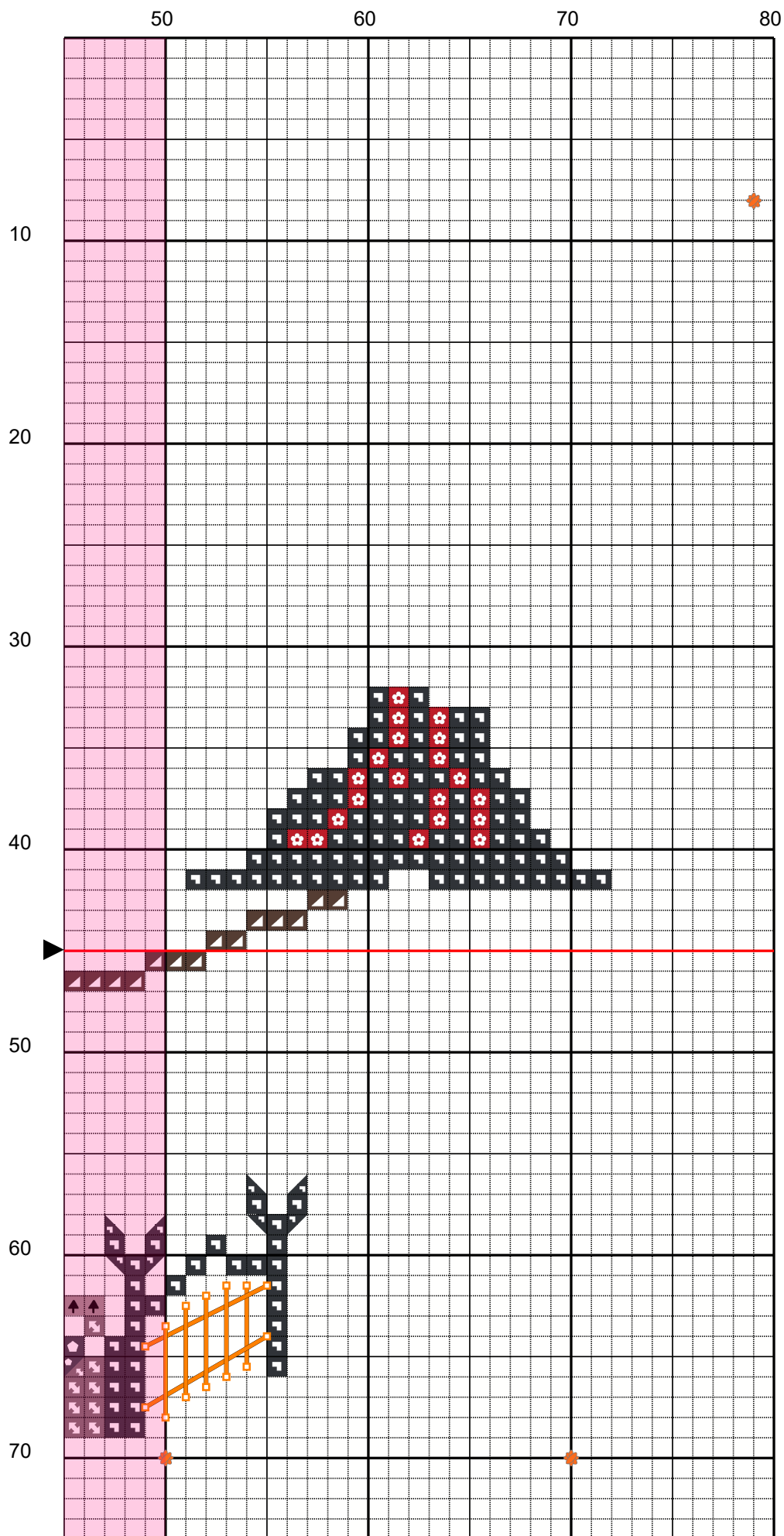
Much more than any other place that I have travelled to. There are other, peculiar things afoot in that area. When I was high in the mountains, I could see a tower in the distance, higher than I have ever seen. I swear on my hobbit hole that that tower was evil. You could feel it, but I didn't hang around to find out. The place was dangerous enough with the orcs, I didn't want to try my luck any further.

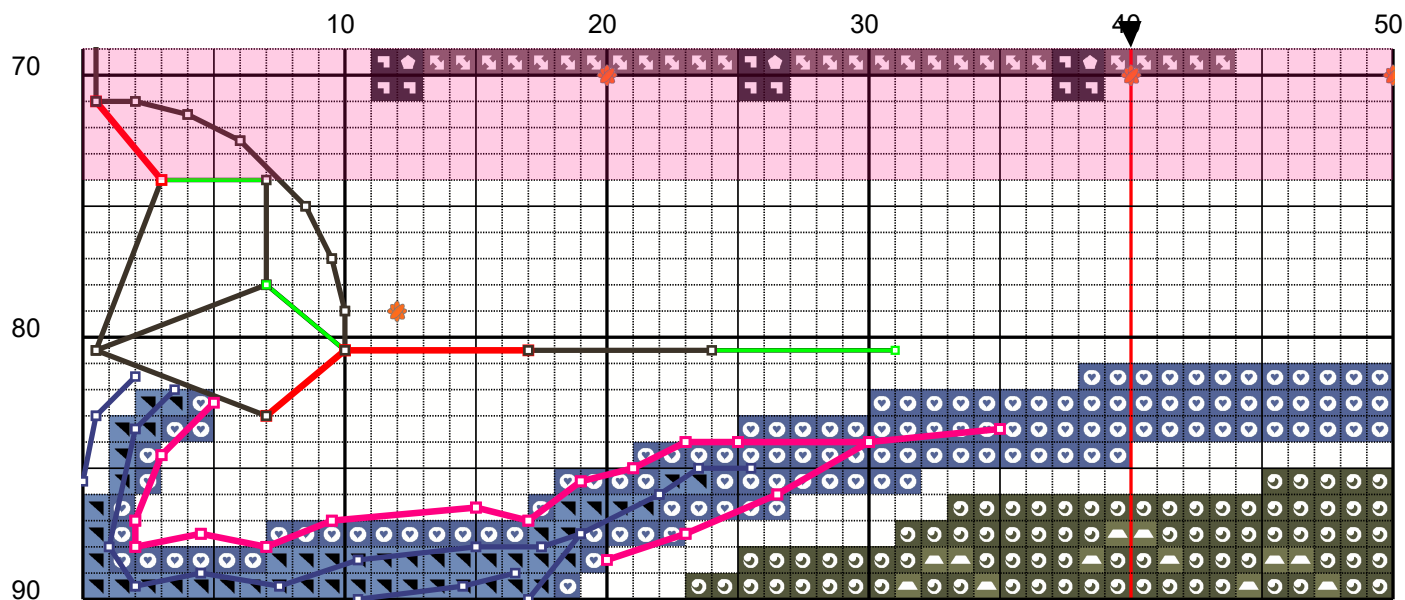
Keep travelling my friend, and stay safe

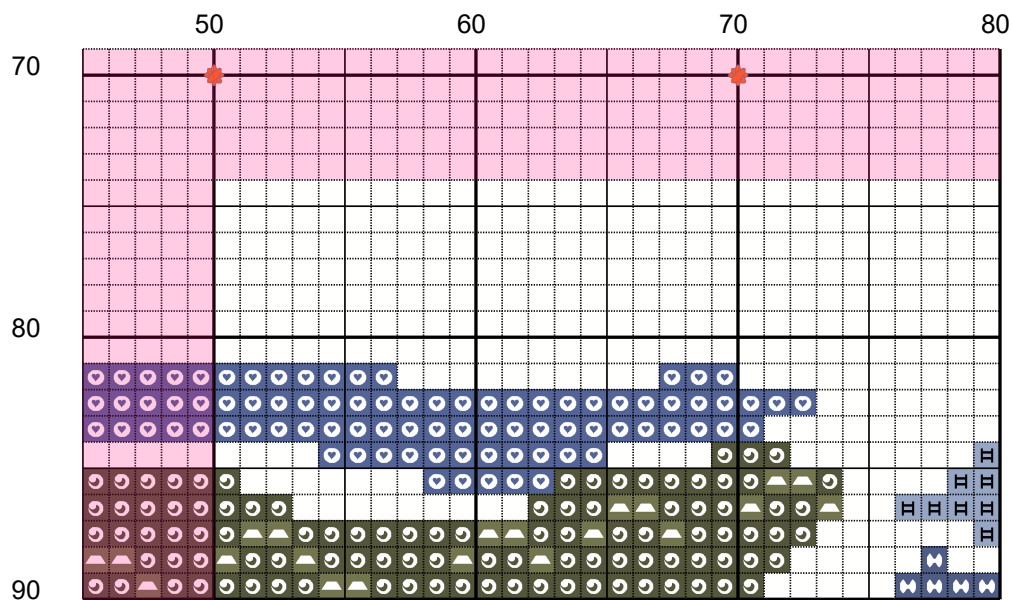
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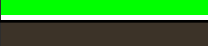
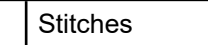
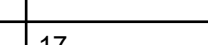


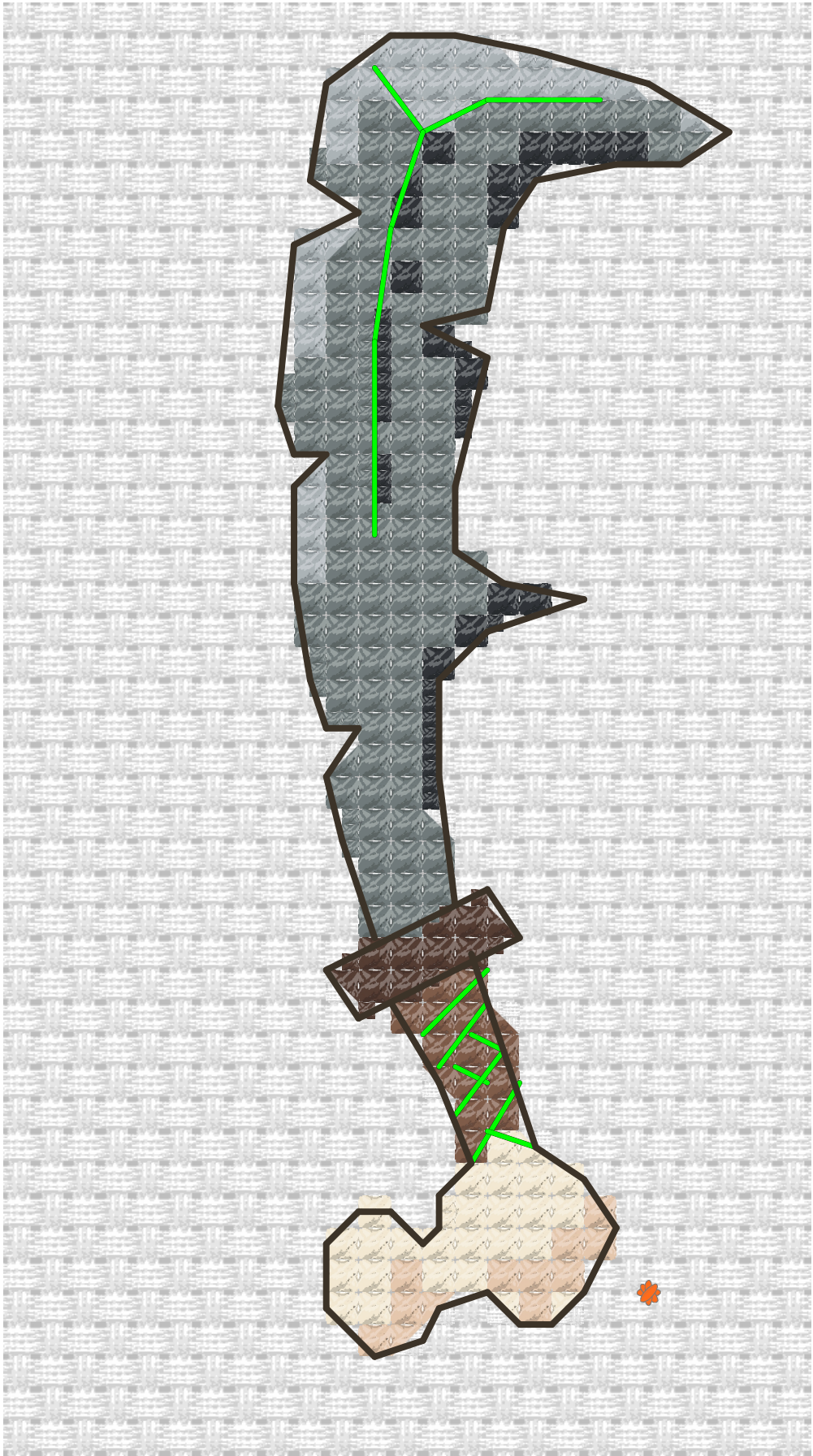


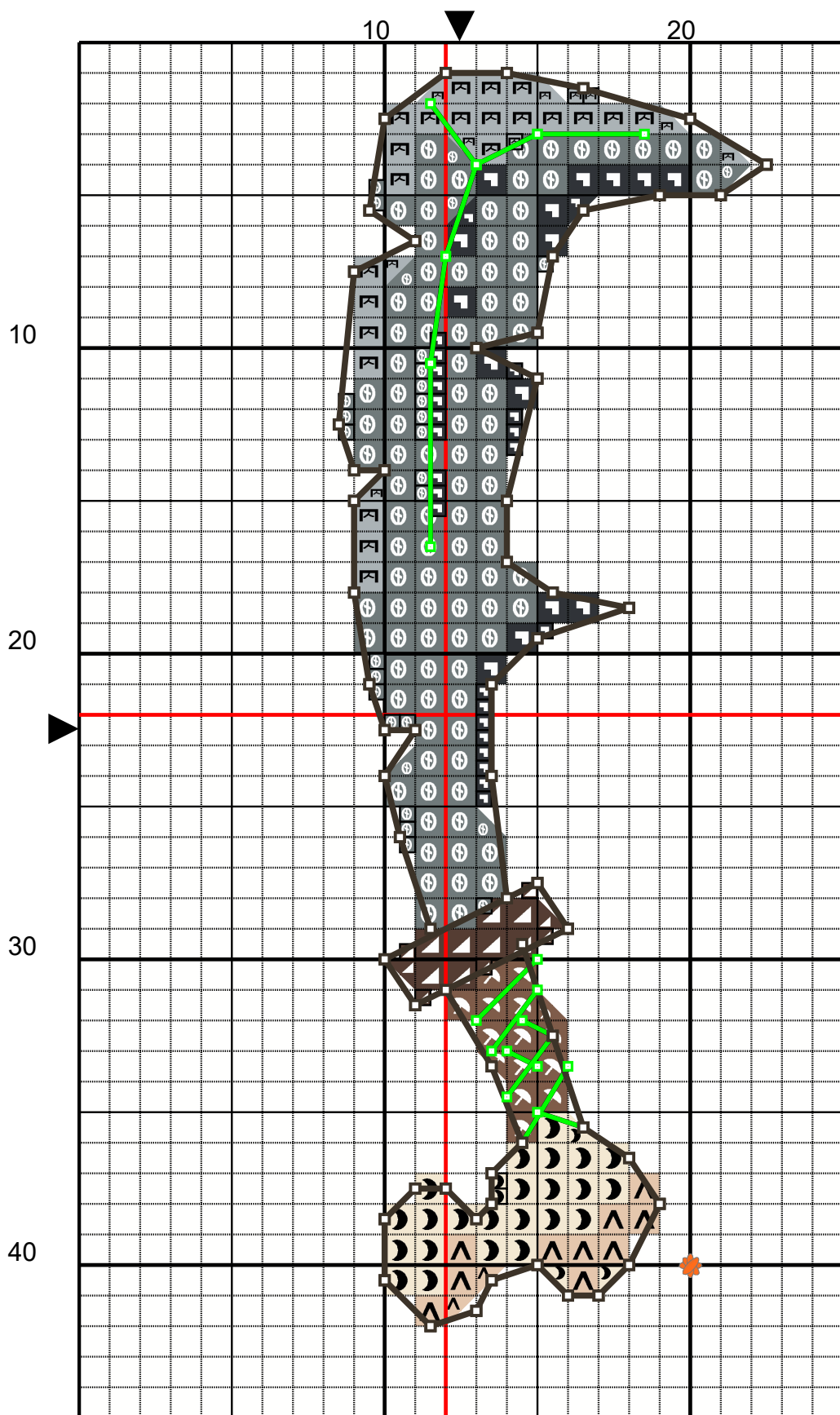






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	DMC 451	Shell Grey dark	2	224	
	DMC 452	Shell Grey medium	2	93	
	DMC 453	Shell Grey LT	2	37	
	DMC 792	Cornflower Blue dark	2	b/s only	
	DMC 792	(3) Cornflower Blue dark	2	b/s only	
	DMC 793	Cornflower Blue medium	2	193	
	DMC 794	Cornflower Blue light	2	47	
	DMC 839	Beige Brown dark	2	59	
	DMC 840	Beige Brown medium	2	46	
	DMC 841	Beige Brown light	2	91	
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DMC 3787 (1 str)	(1) Brown Grey dark			5	
DMC 3787 (2 str)	Brown Grey			15	
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DMC 3799 (2 str)	Pewter Grey very dark			15	





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𐀃	DMC 712	Cream	2	28	
𐀄	DMC 839	Beige Brown dark	2	15	
𐀅	DMC 840	Beige Brown medium	2	15	
	DMC 3787	(1) Brown Grey dark	2	b/s only	
	DMC 3787	Brown Grey	2	b/s only	
𐀆	DMC 3799	Pewter Grey very dark	2	40	
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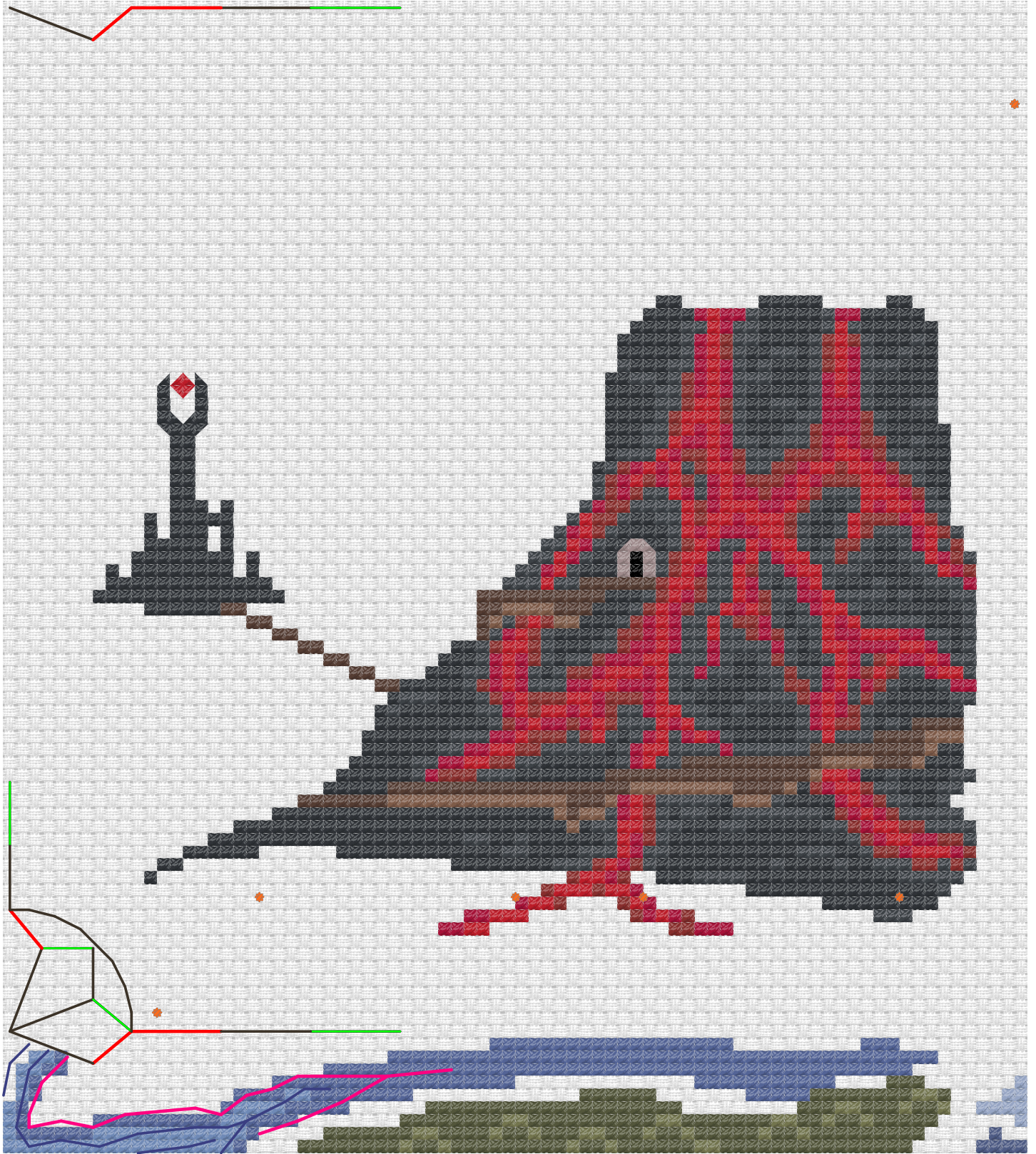
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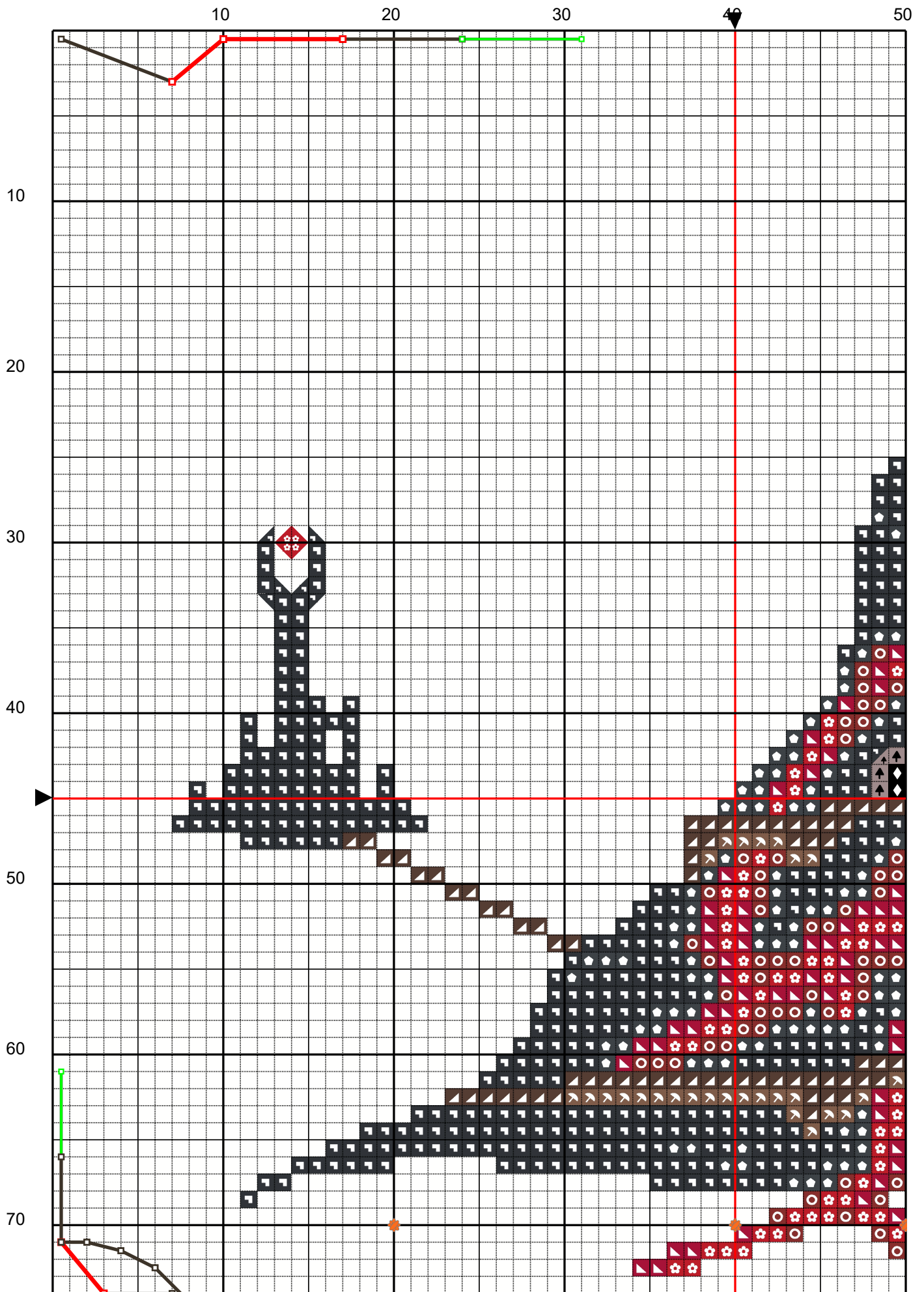
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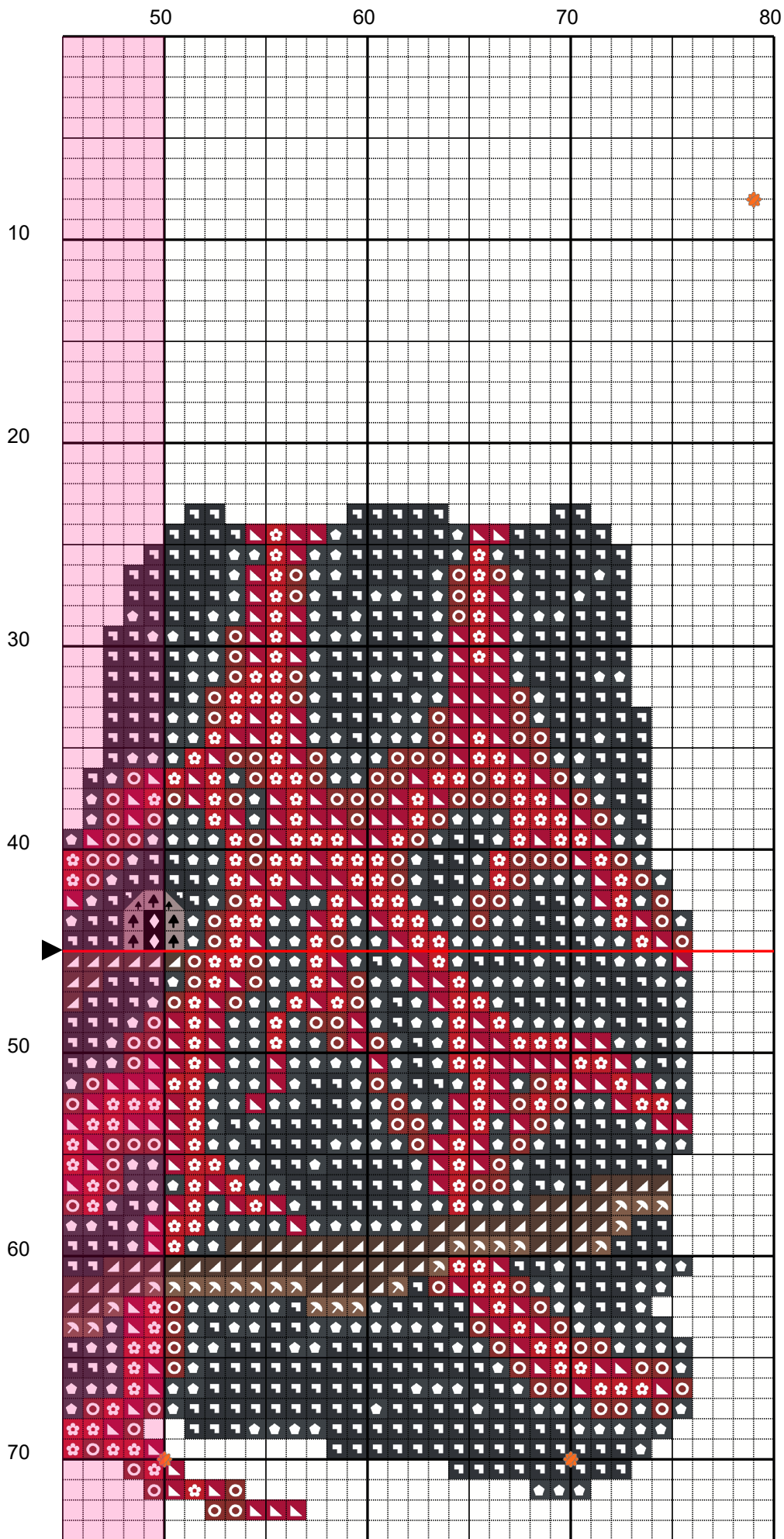
Much more than any other place that I have travelled to. There are other, peculiar things afoot in that area. When I was high in the mountains, I could see a mountain that was on fire. The whole top of it was just a constant explosion of fire and smoke. I swear on my hobbit hole that that mountain is evil. You could feel it, evil things have happened there, but I didn't hang around to find out. The place was dangerous enough with the orcs, I didn't want to try my luck any further.

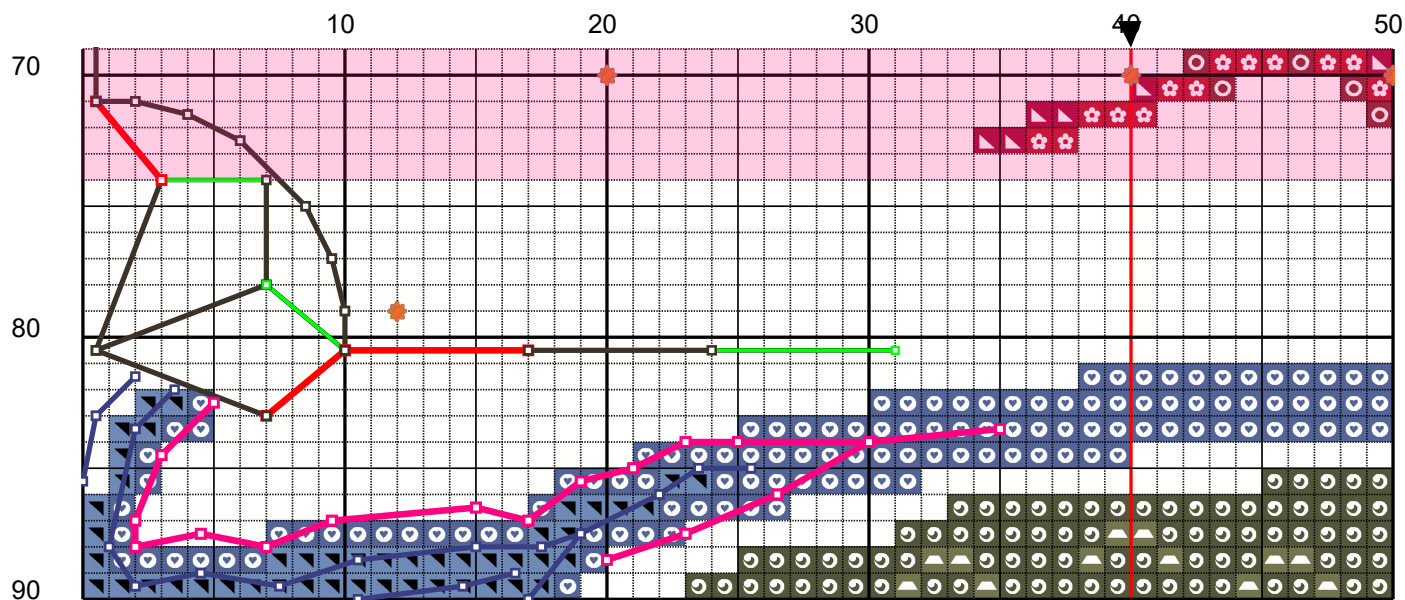
Keep travelling my friend, and stay safe

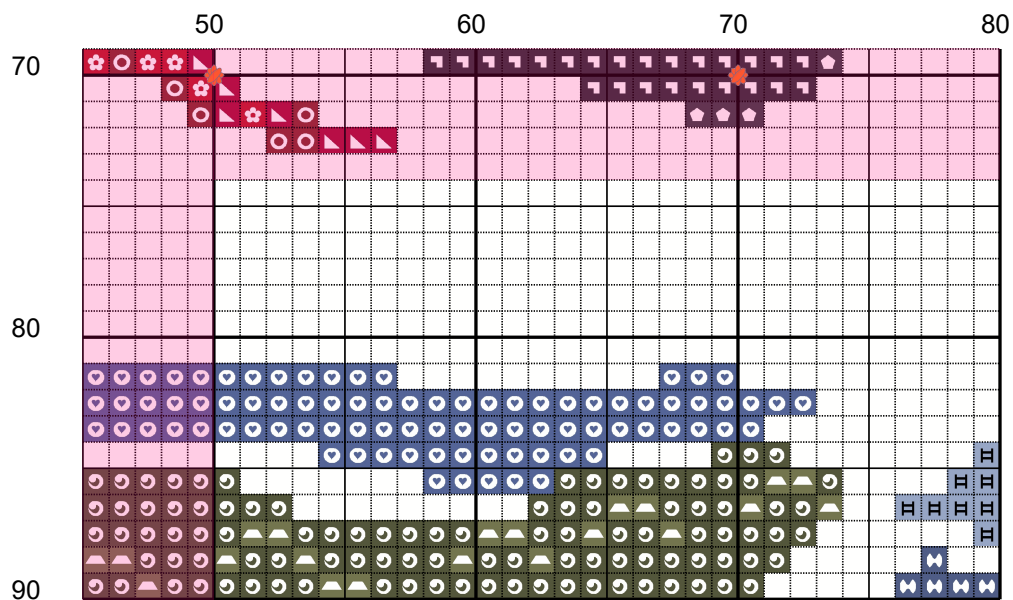
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✿	DMC 349	Coral dark	2	211	
○	DMC 355	Terra Cotta dark	2	169	
⬆	DMC 413	Pewter Grey dark	2	433	
⬆	DMC 452	Shell Grey medium	2	7	
	DMC 792	Cornflower Blue dark	2	b/s only	
	DMC 792	(3) Cornflower Blue dark	2	b/s only	
♥	DMC 793	Cornflower Blue medium	2	193	
▴	DMC 794	Cornflower Blue light	2	47	
▴	DMC 839	Beige Brown dark	2	118	
↘	DMC 840	Beige Brown medium	2	48	
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▴	DMC 3053	Green Grey LT	2	30	
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	DMC 3787	Brown Grey	2	b/s only	
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⬆	DMC 3799	Pewter Grey very dark	2	676	

You've told me in the past about your close call with the Trolls, where they nearly ate you and your dwarf friends. Well done again for your quick thinking on that one. But I can imagine that they would be the face of evil for you.

And it's that face that came to mind when I saw what I've seen recently. The huge mouth full of teeth that you described to me, teeth that could bite through you with ease. I was near the mountains to the east of Gondor, and I stumbled across something I wasn't expecting.

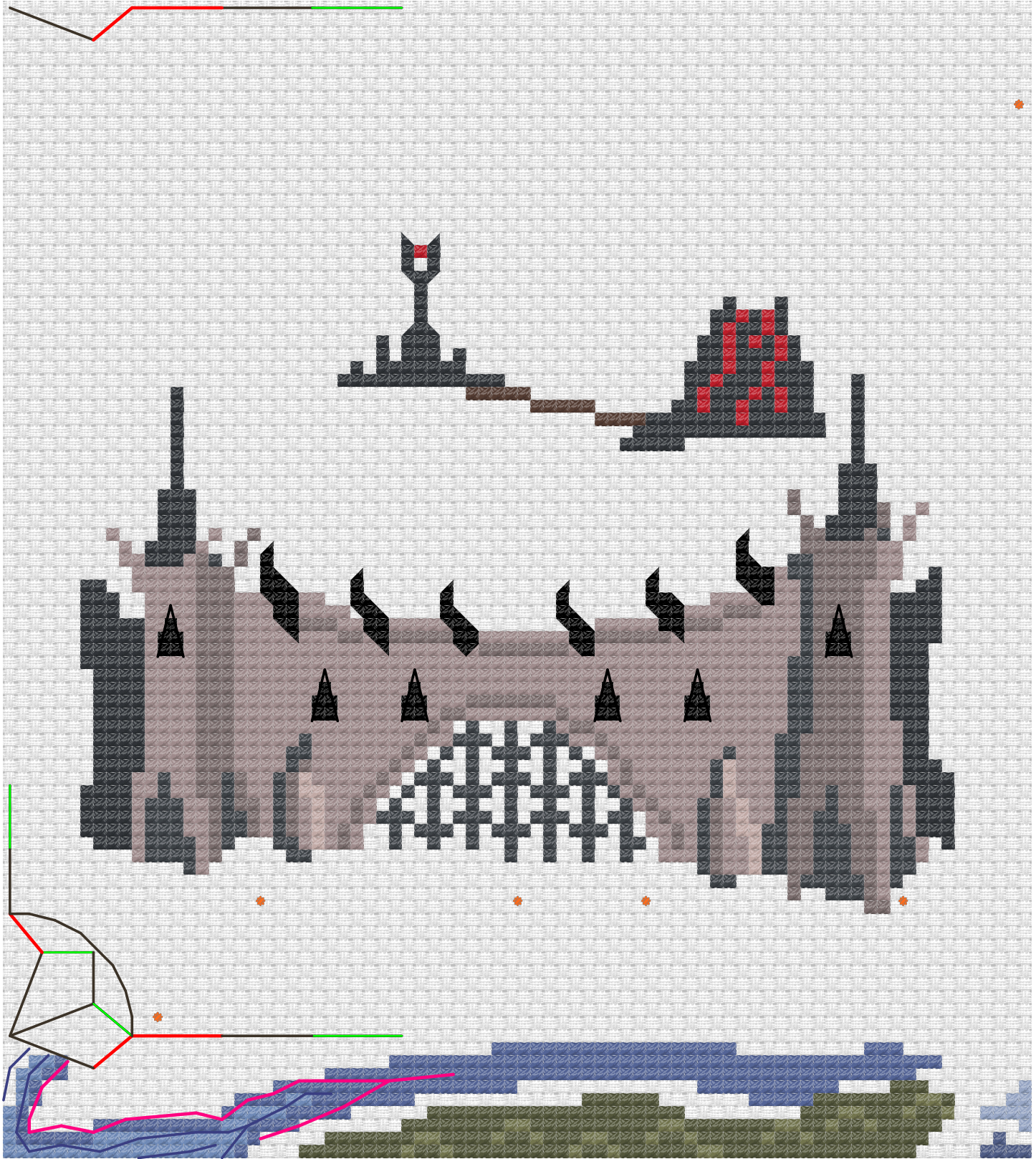
A huge black gate.

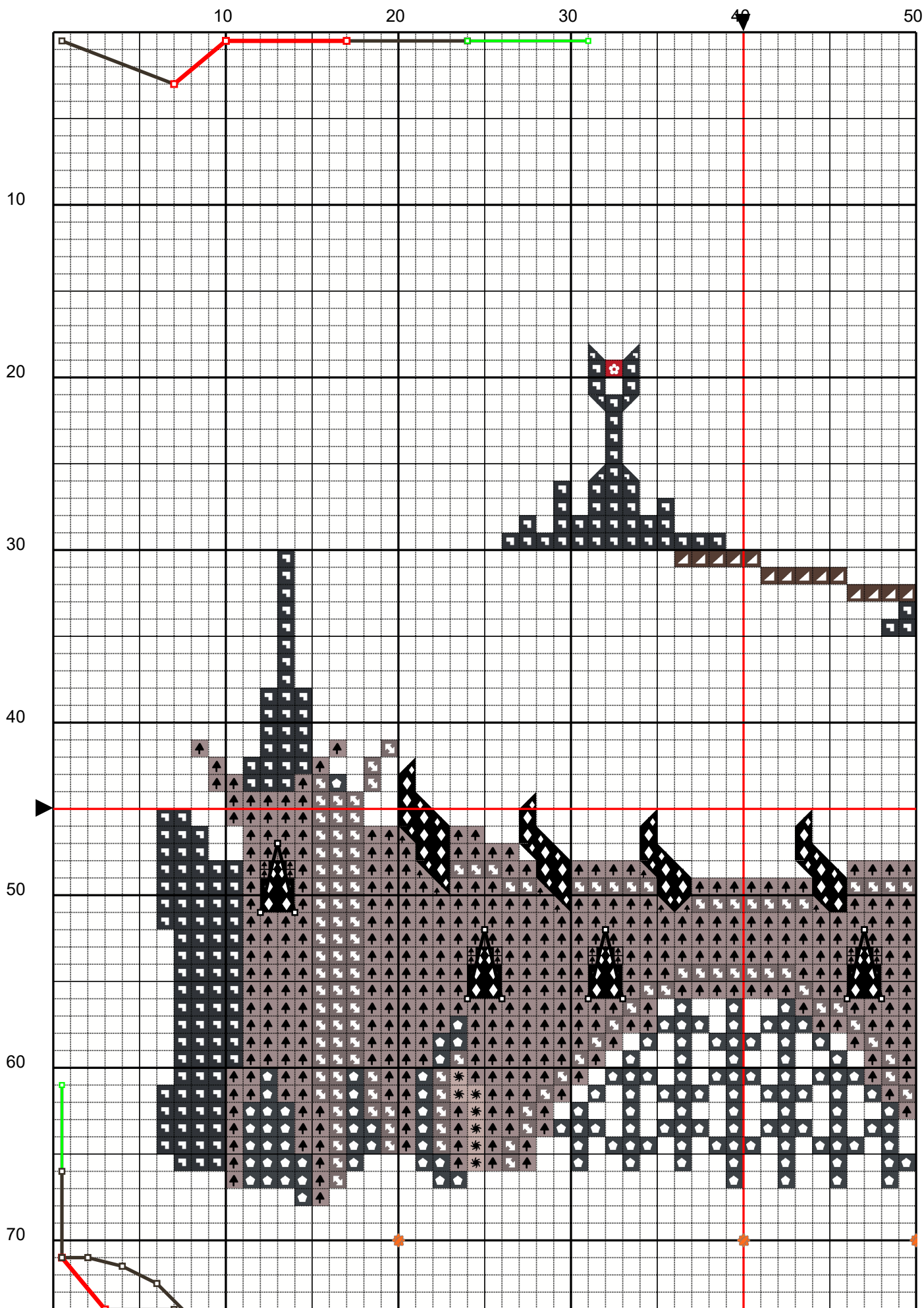
It totally blocked off the gap in the mountains that I was going to wander through. But on seeing this gate, I knew that I was best to turn back. The gate itself, it looked like your trolls mouth, huge teeth that I could imagine chewing you up.

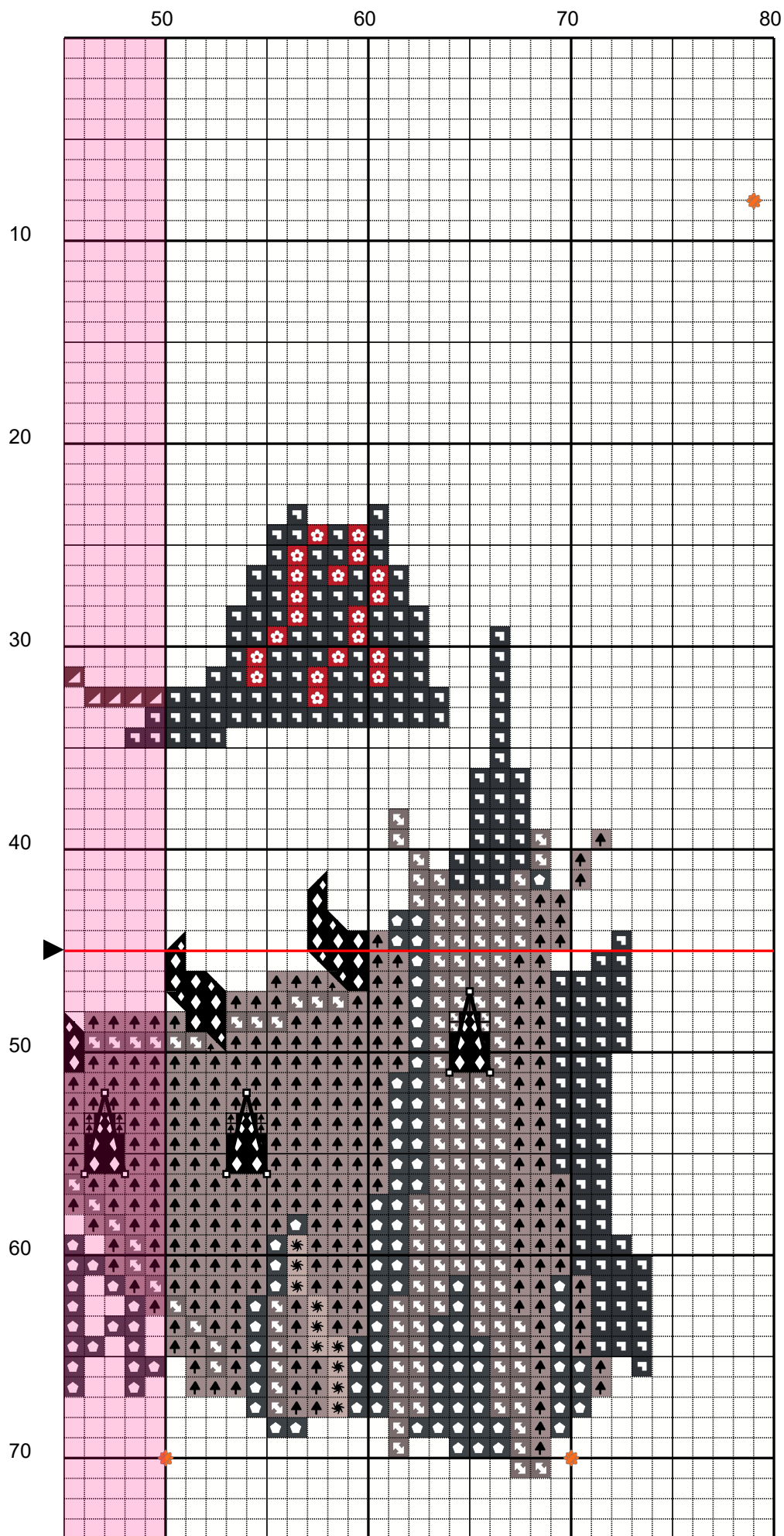
Bilbo, I beg of you, please make sure that you avoid those mountains. I have no idea what force could be held behind those gates, but I am certain that it is evil.

Keep travelling, and stay safe my friend.

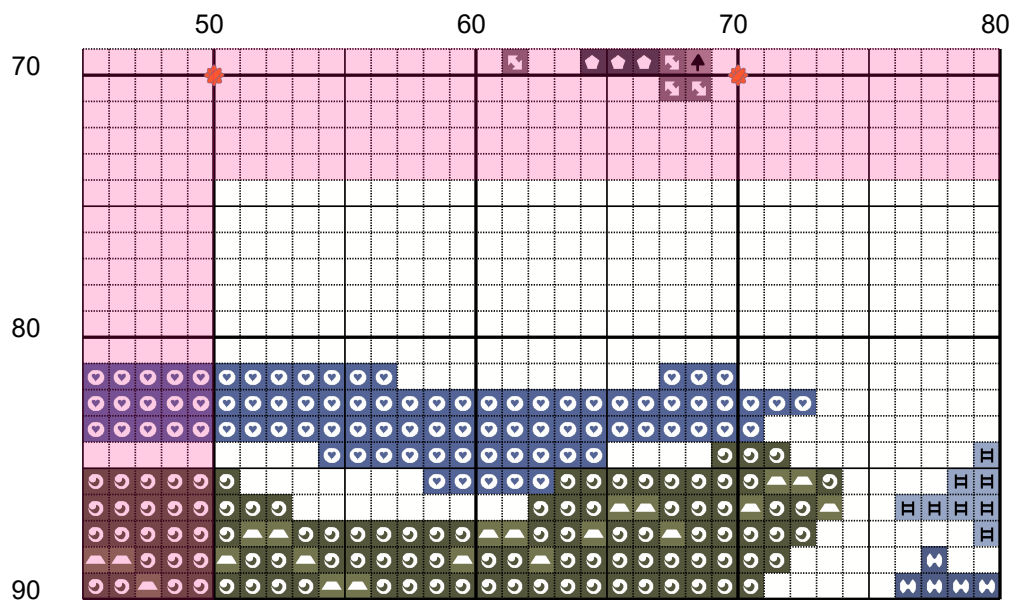
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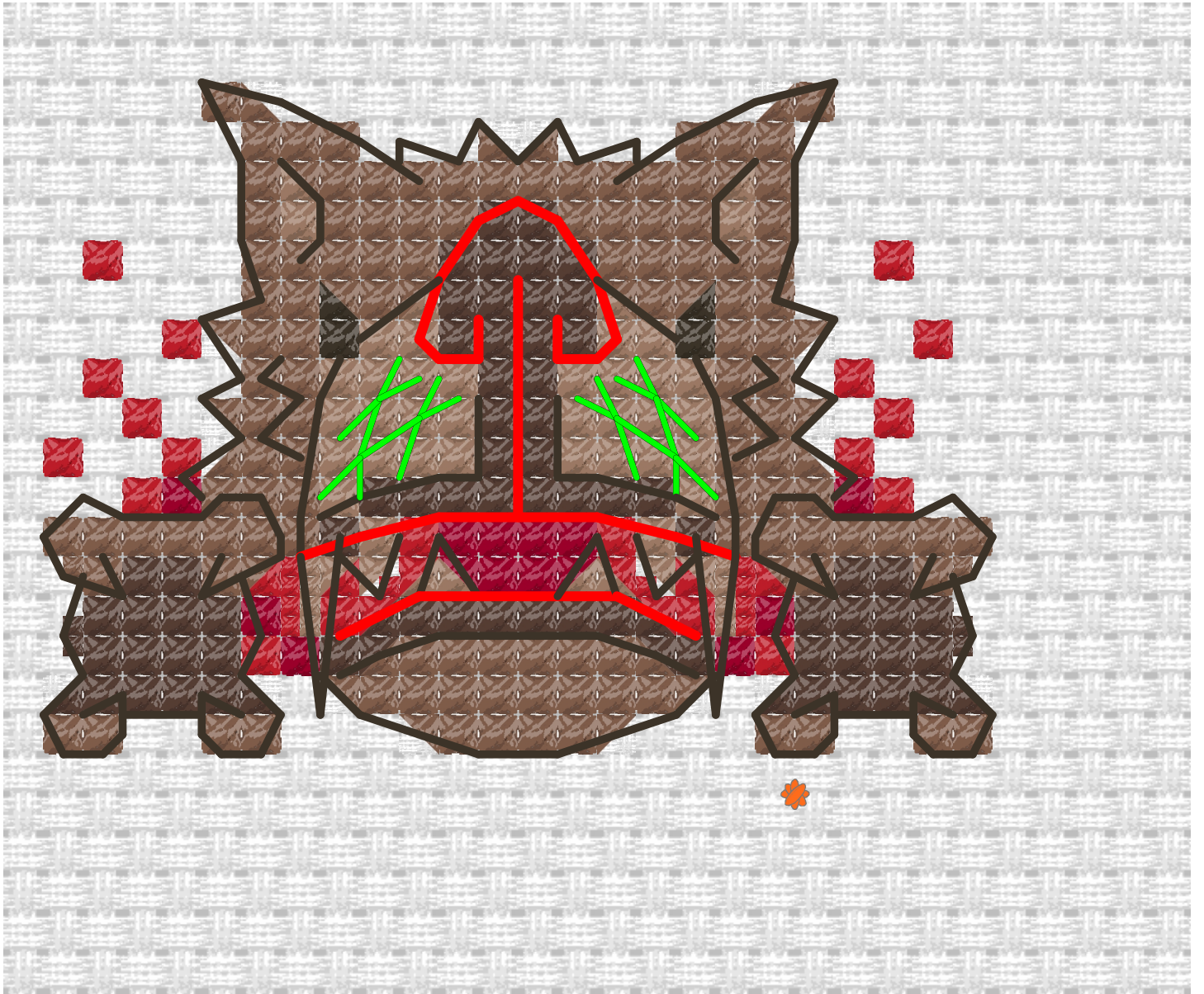


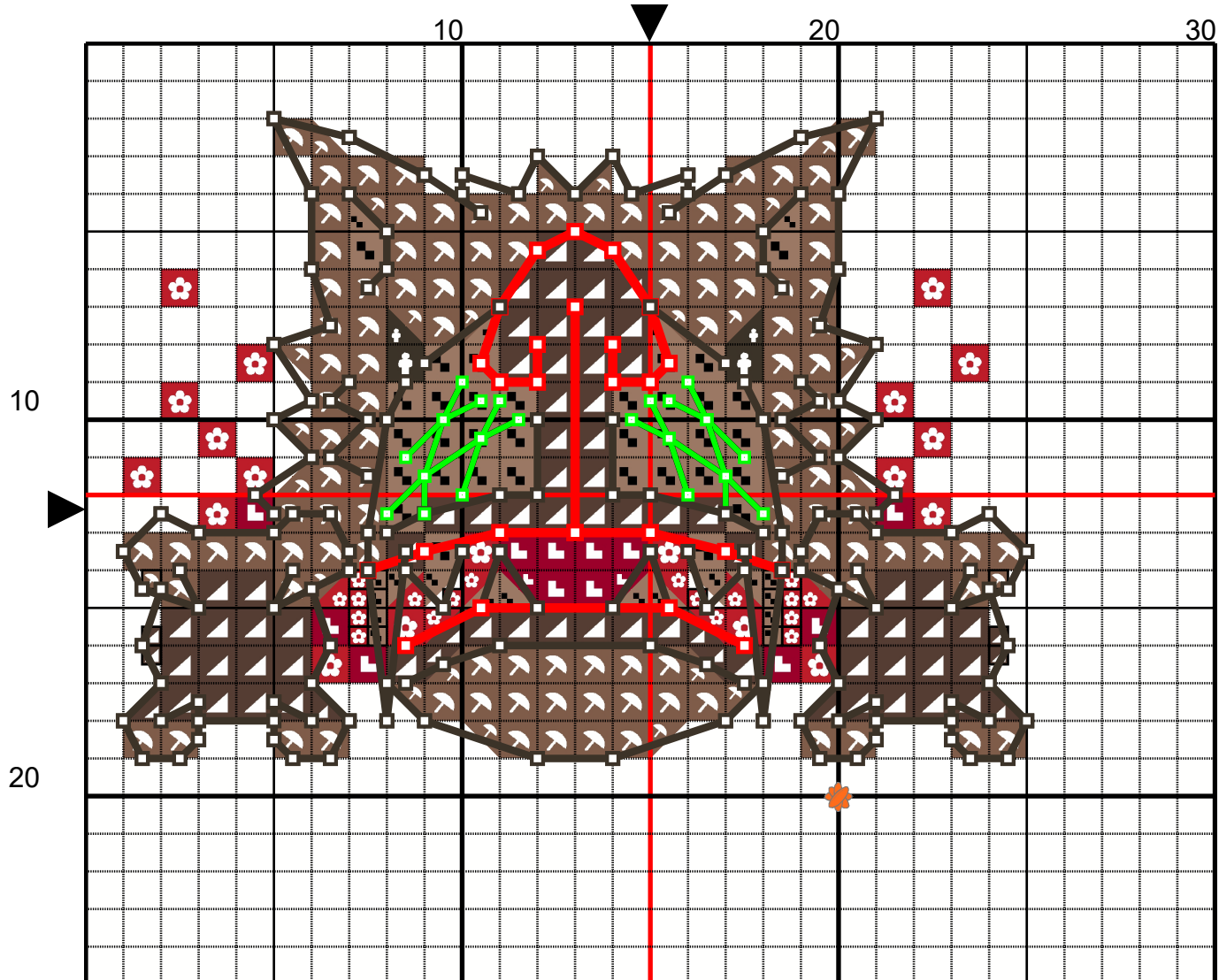


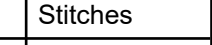




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⬆	DMC 452	Shell Grey medium	653	
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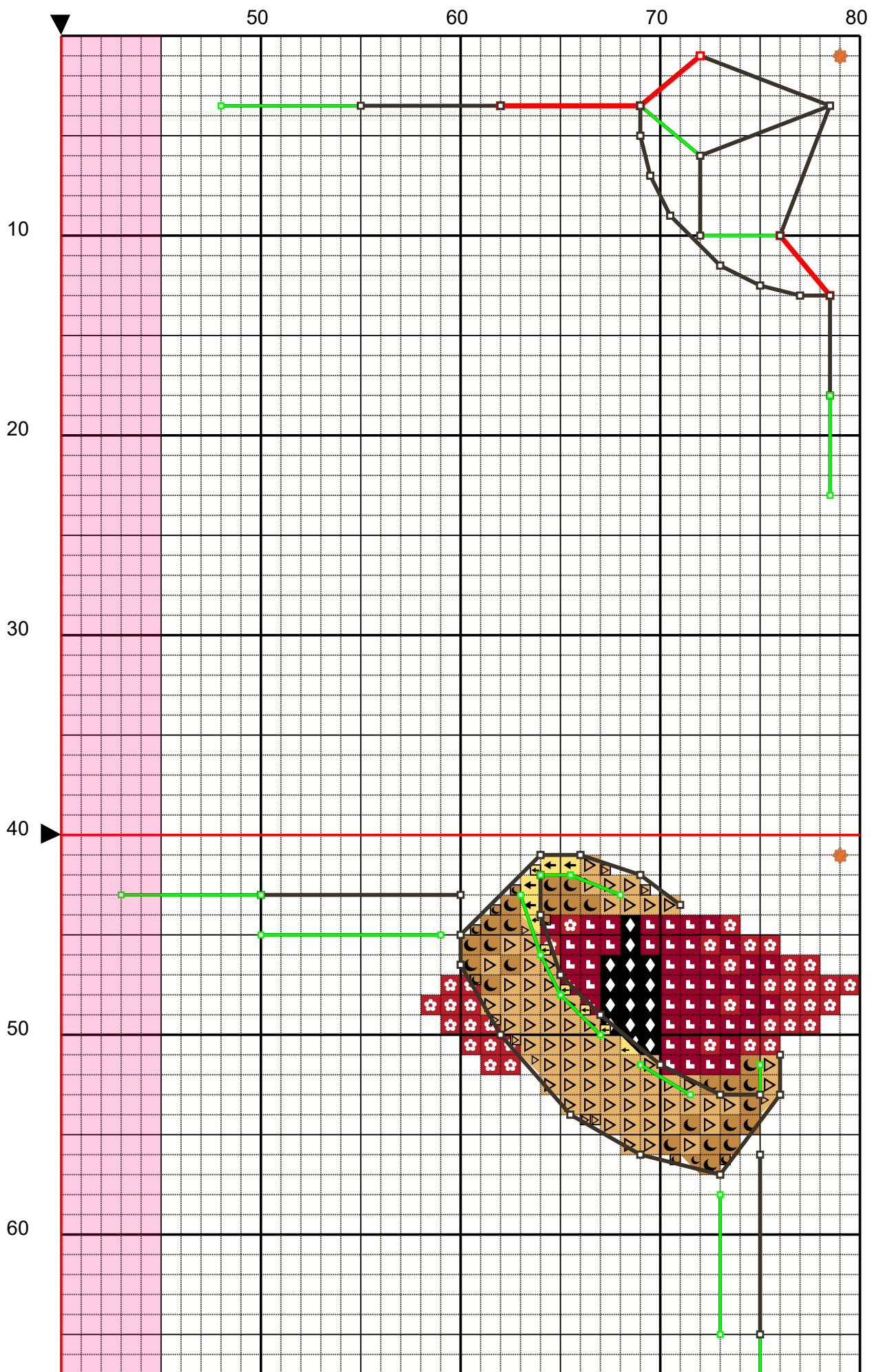


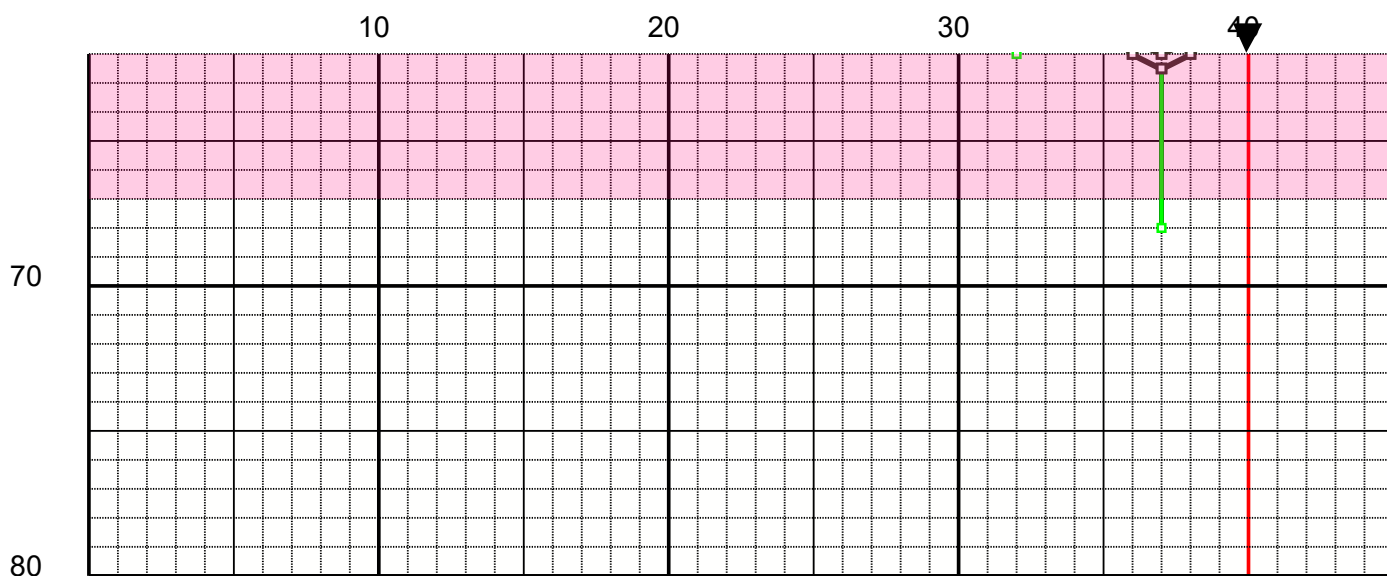


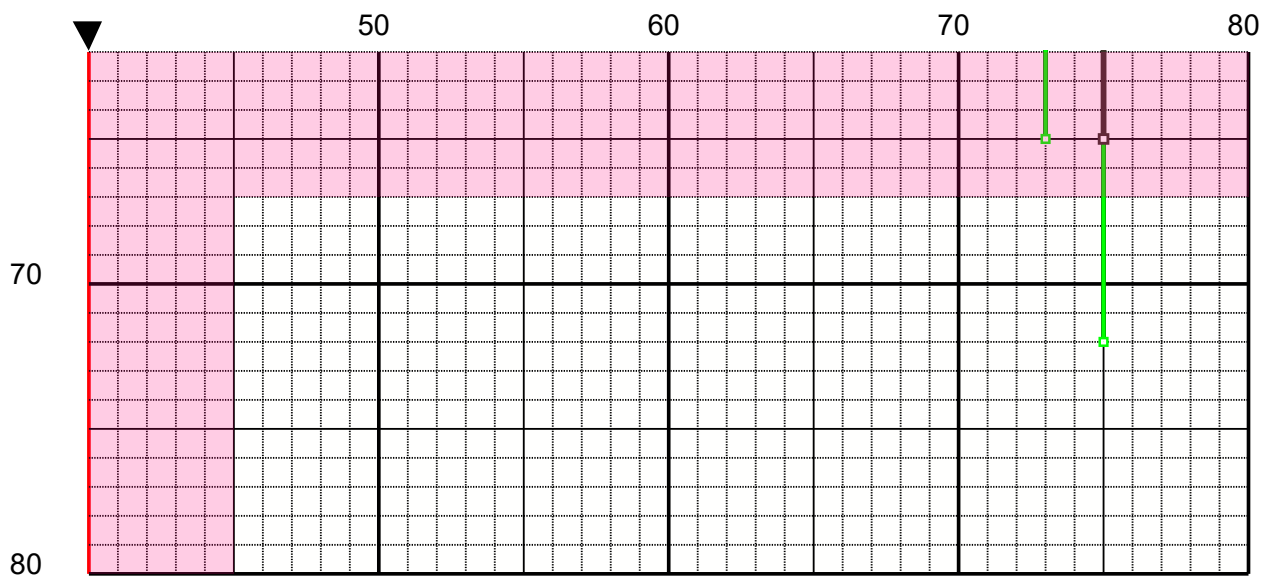
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	DMC 841	Beige Brown light	2	54	
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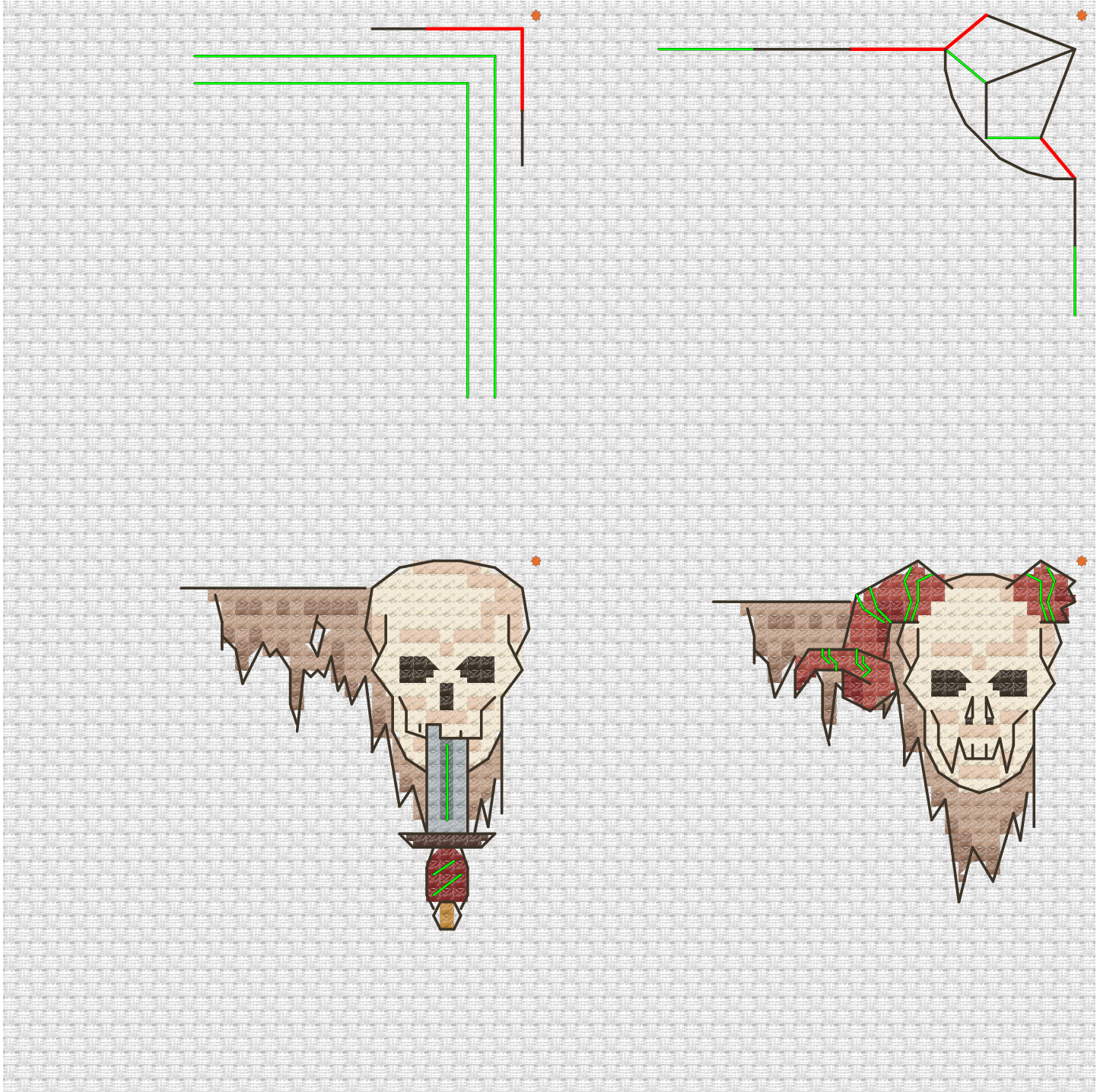




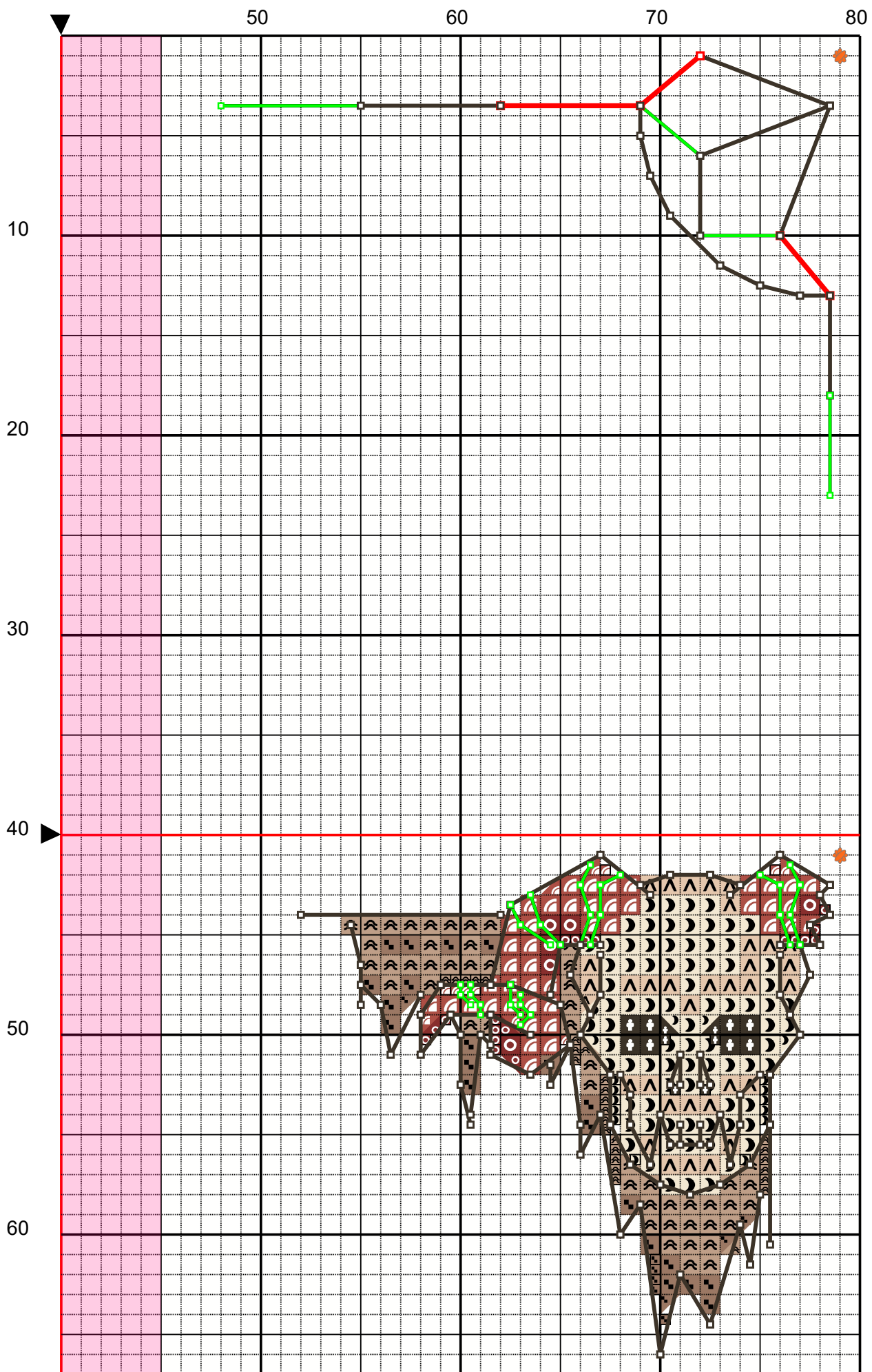


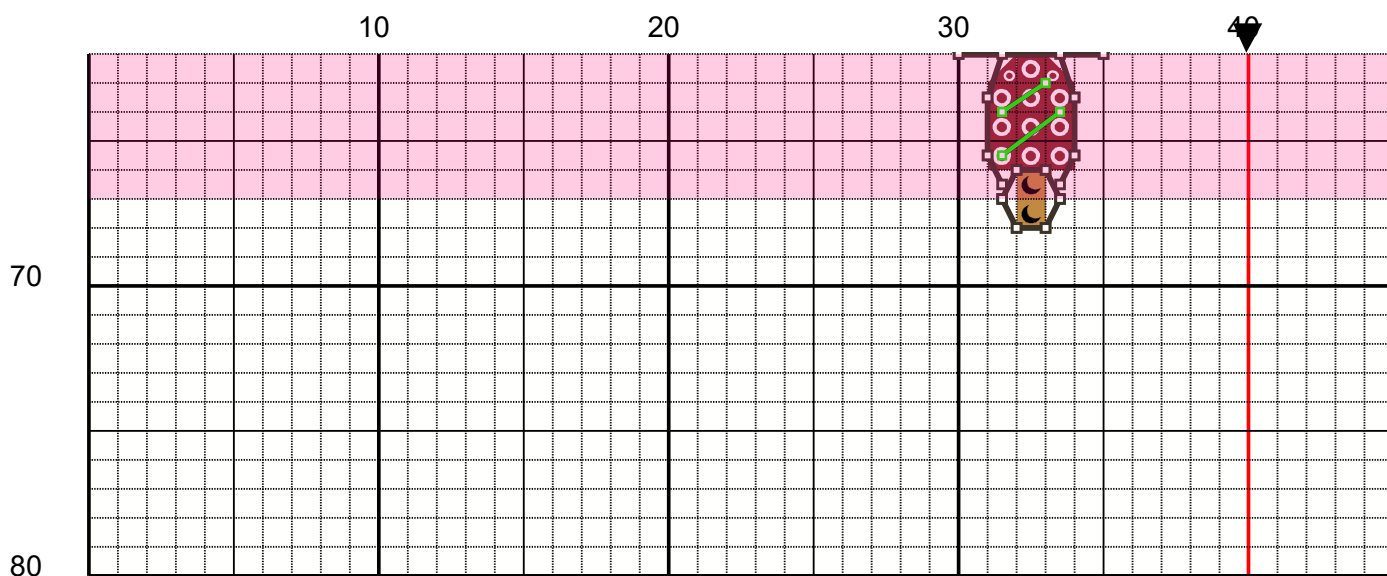


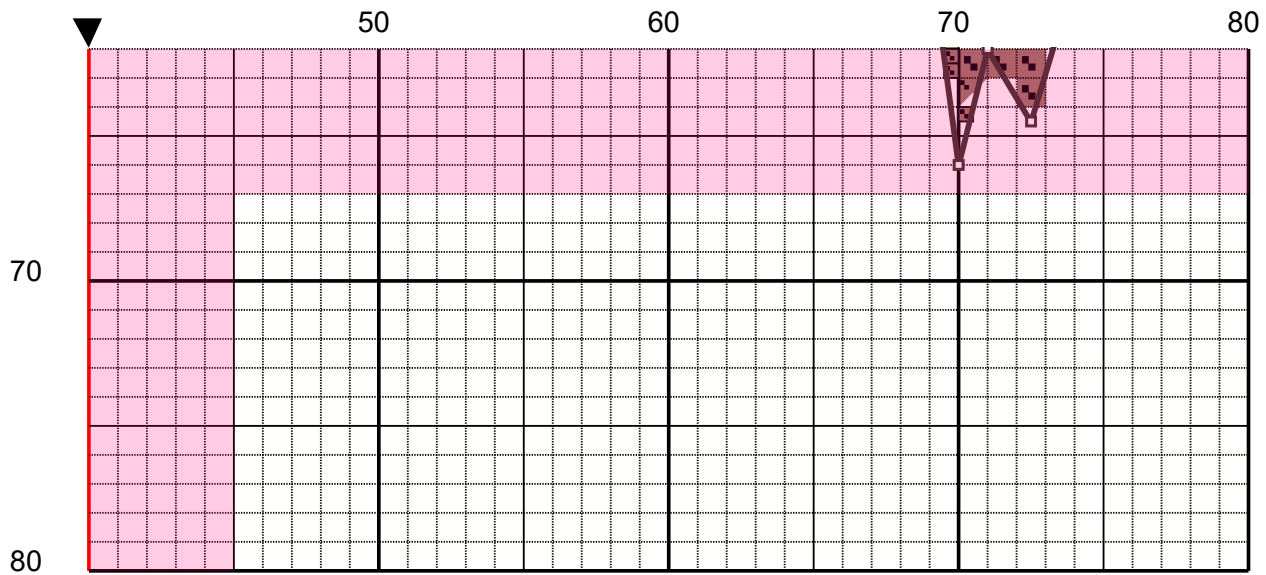
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	DMC 304	Christmas Red medium	2	46	
	DMC 310	Black	2	16	
	DMC 349	Coral dark	2	37	
	DMC 676	Old Gold light	2	218	
	DMC 727	Topaz very light	2	11	
	DMC 729	Old Gold medium	2	57	
	DMC 3787	(1) Brown Grey dark	2	b/s only	
	DMC 3787	Brown Grey	2	b/s only	
	DMC 3787	(3) Brown Grey dark	2	b/s only	
No.	B/S - Color			Stitches	
DMC 3787 (1 str)	(1) Brown Grey dark			28	
					
DMC 3787 (2 str)	Brown Grey			196	
					
DMC 3787 (3 str)	(3) Brown Grey dark			9	
					











	Number	Name:	Strands	Stitches	
	DMC 740	Anchor Point (do not stitch)	2		
☐	DMC 168	Pewter very light	2	16	
⊙	DMC 169	Pewter light	2	6	
○	DMC 355	Terra Cotta dark	2	37	
◐	DMC 356	Terra Cotta medium	2	56	
∧	DMC 543	Beige Brown ultra	2	69	
☾	DMC 712	Cream	2	197	
☾	DMC 729	Old Gold medium	2	2	
◐	DMC 839	Beige Brown dark	2	7	
◑	DMC 841	Beige Brown light	2	55	
⤿	DMC 842	Beige Brown very light	2	161	
	DMC 3787	(1) Brown Grey dark	2	b/s only	
⬛	DMC 3787	Brown Grey	2	28	
	DMC 3787	(3) Brown Grey dark	2	b/s only	
No.	B/S - Color			Stitches	
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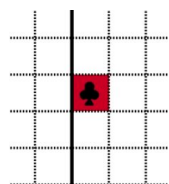
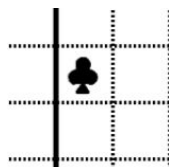


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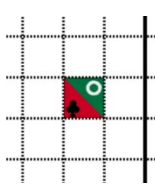
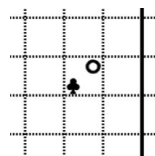
Symbols Explanation

Here is a breakdown of the symbols used. Each section includes a black & white symbol, and a colour symbol, as well as stitched examples. The upper stitched example is normal sized, and the lower is at twice the size.

Full Cross Stitch

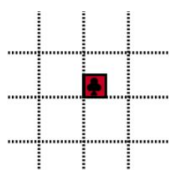
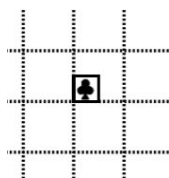


$\frac{3}{4}$ Stitch pair

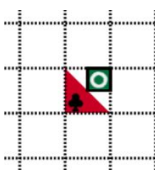
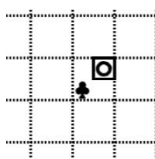


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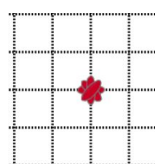
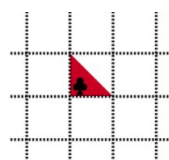
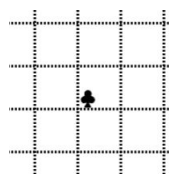
Note that the symbol is surrounded by a square



$\frac{3}{4}$ Stitch and Quarter Stitch



$\frac{3}{4}$ Stitch



French (or Colonial) Knot

Symbol is in colour regardless

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